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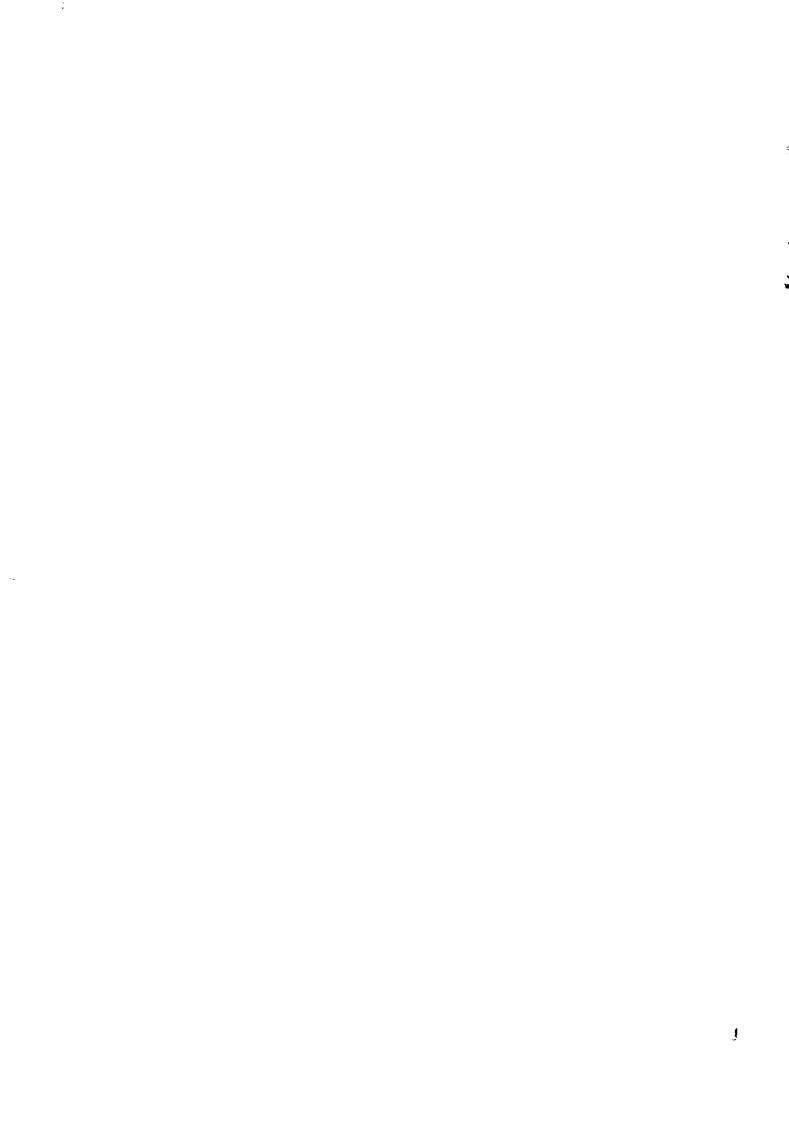
Brussels, 15 March 1982

Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION

concerning the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands establishing measures for salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Community on the one hand and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands on the other hand have held consultations concerning salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters.

These consultations resulted in the initialling of an agreement whereby the Faroese authorities have undertaken to restrict the total volume of salmon catches in Faroese waters as well of salmon caught by Faroese vessels in international waters to 750 tonnes for the season 1981—1982 and to 625 tonnes for the season 1982—1983.

The Commission proposes that the Council, after consultation of Parliament adopt the draft decision annexed hereto approving the agreement negotiated with the Faroe Islands and authorizes its President to designate the persons empowered to sign it.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament (1),

Whereas the Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the other hand, have held consultations concerning salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters;

Whereas at the conclusion of these consultations the two delegations initialled an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters;

Whereas it is in the Community's interest to conclude this Agreement,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Government of Denmark and the Home Government of the Faroe Islands establishing measures for salmon fishing in North Atlantic waters is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Decision.

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Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Agreement binding the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

A. Letter from the Home Government of the Farce Islands

Sir,

The Faroese authorities have noted that the EEC has expressed concern regarding Faroese fishery of salmon.

I have the honour to confirm that the Faroese authorities have undertaken to introduce the following restrictions on Faroese salmon fishery:

- 1. The Faroese authorities will restrict the total volume of salmon catches in Faroese waters (area of fisheries jurisdiction of Faroe Islands) as well of salmon caught by Faroese vessels in waters outside the fisheries jurisdiction of the Faroe Islands to a total of 625 metric tonnes in fresh round weight for the season starting on October 1, 1982 and ending on May 31, 1983.
- 2. The corresponding figure for the season ending May 31, 1982 shall be 750 metric tonnes in fresh round weight.
- 3. No fishing for salmon will take place outside the fishing seasons referred to under paragraph 1 and 2.

I would be grateful, if you would confirm that the European Economic Community is in agreement with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Home Government of the Faroe Islands

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

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- 3. No fishing for salmon will take place outside the fishing seasons referred to under paragraph 1 and 2.

I would be grateful, if you would confirm that the European Economic Community is in agreement with the foregoing.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration."

I have the honour to inform you that the Community has taken note of contents of your letter.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Council of the European Communities