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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the development of fisheries in inland  
seas

PE 77.756



The European Parliament,

- whereas the fisheries sector is of great importance for guaranteeing an adequate and healthy food supply for the population of the Community,
- whereas an organized fishing industry plays an important part in ensuring lasting employment,
- whereas fish stocks in the Mediterranean are continually declining as a result of increasing marine pollution,
- whereas fish-farming based on scientific methods offers great possibilities,
- whereas the Commission plans to pursue a policy aimed at reducing and/or eliminating disparities in the regions of the Mediterranean by means of special medium-term programmes adapted to the needs of these regions<sup>1</sup>,
- whereas it is desirable to reduce the Community's and Greece's dependence on imports of fish from third countries,
- whereas it is desirable to exploit and make use of all the resources of the Community,
- whereas the utilization of inland seas, lagoons and salt-water inlets in the Mediterranean countries is of paramount importance for the supply of fresh fish and fish products for the population in these areas,
- whereas, in the case of Greece, the Gulf of Amvrakikos, the lagoon of Mesolongion and the Gulfs of Gera and Kallonis on Lesbos are inland seas which offer great scope for fish production to meet the needs of the Greek population,
- whereas scientific exploitation of the above-mentioned areas of water in Greece will help to revitalize six medium-sized towns and a number of smaller villages in the districts of Aitolia and Akarnania, Arta and Preveza, the towns of Amfilokhia, Arta, Preveza, Vonitsa, Mesolongion and Aitolikon, and also the towns of Kallonı and Plomarion and a number of small villages on Lesbos,
- whereas the implementation of integrated programmes for the utilization of the above-mentioned natural resources will make a significant contribution to the development of the regions of Aitolia and Akarnania, Arta, Preveza and Lesbos, which have to contend with serious problems connected with emigration, low incomes and the restructuring of their economy,

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<sup>1</sup> COM(81) 608 final



1. Requests the Commission to adopt specific Community measures and to implement as soon as possible, in collaboration with the Greek government, integrated programmes for the exploitation of the above-mentioned natural resources in Greece;

these integrated programmes should comprise the following:

- the organization of production by the farming of shellfish, eels and other species of fish; to this end it would be sensible to drive the dolphins from the Gulf of Amvrakikos into the open sea,
  - the setting-up of producer associations with a view to organizing production, trade and the industrialization of the fisheries sector; to this end greater incentives are needed for the setting-up and operation of producer associations,
  - training of fishermen to make it easier for them to adapt to new scientific fishing and fish-farming methods,
  - training of young people with a view to employment in the fisheries sector,
  - the setting up of an institute for the development of fishing in inland seas, in the region of Aitolia and Akarnania,
  - the protection of inland seas from pollution; in this connection it is considered advisable to stop the dumping of oil in the Gulf of Amvrakikos and to clean up the waste discharged by factories and towns into these waters;
2. Requests the Commission to enter a specific heading in the 1983 budget for the implementation of these programmes;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Greek government.

