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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-1054/81-COM(82) 14 final) for a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal amending the Agreement on Fishing off the coast of Senegal signed on 15 June 1979, the protocol and the exchanges of letters referring thereto (fishing aspects)

Rapporteur: Mr Olivier d'ORMESSON

PE 77.991/fin.

By letter of 15 February 1982, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal amending the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Senegal signed on 15 June 1979, the Protocol and the Exchanges of Letters referring thereto.

On 18 February 1982 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible, the Committee on Development and Cooperation and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 1 April 1982, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr d'Ormesson rapporteur.

The Committee on Agriculture considered this proposal at its meeting of 31 March/1 April 1982.

At the same meeting the Committee on Agriculture adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

The following participated in the vote;

Mr Colleselli, acting chairman and vice-chairman; Mr Battersby, Mr Clinton, Mr Curry, Mrs Desouches (deputizing for Mr Eyraud), Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Hord, Mr Kirk, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Marck, Mrs Péry (deputizing for Mr Gautier), Mr Provan and Mr Woltjer.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Senegal, amending the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Senegal signed on 15 June 1979, the protocol and the exchange of letters referring thereto (fishing aspects)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council, (COM(82) 14 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc.1-1054/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-82/82),
 - having regard to the first fisheries agreement between Senegal and the EEC that came into force in June 1980 and has been applied on a provisional basis since its expiration in November 1981,
1. Notes that the gross registered tonnage of the Community fleet to be allowed to fish in Senegalese waters is to be increased by 5%;
 2. Notes that the Community:
 - a. is to pay Fr.CFA 2,500 million in compensation for fishing rights, as in the previous agreement;
 - b. is to finance a Senegalese scientific programme at a cost of Fr.CFA 100 million;
 - c. is to provide 10 study and training grants for a five-year period;
 3. Points out that the requirement for licence fees to be fixed for one year irrespective of the period for which the licence is valid increases considerably the costs to Community fishermen.

Welcomes therefore the modification of the previous agreement allowing certain vessels to obtain licences for a period of less than one year; believes that the Commission should seek to extend this provision to a greater number of vessels;

4. Notes that freezer trawlers are obliged to have an observer on board, with a charge of Fr.CFA 8,000 per day in addition to the cost of board and lodging;
5. Asks the Commission to provide regular reports on the state of negotiations with other states, as for example, Guinea, Sierra Leone, the West African Coastal States, Mauretania and on passage rights for the EEC's tuna fleet;
6. Repeats its request that the Commission further examine the possibility of encouraging the establishment of a regional fisheries organization for the Central Eastern Atlantic;
7. Reminds the Commission of the importance to the Community, and to the African countries concerned, of coordinated fisheries educational and training programmes within the Community, including the partial financing of training centres;
8. Urges the Commission to provide the necessary specialist advice and technical assistance, including marine biologists, essential to a policy of fisheries cooperation with the countries of Africa and to enable those countries to control adequately catches within their exclusive economic zones;
9. Approves the Commission's proposal subject to the above observations.

ANNEX

	Present Agreement	Previous Agreement
	<u>Gross register tons</u>	<u>Gross register tons</u>
1. Tuna boats obliged to land their entire catch in Senegal	3,000	3,300
2. Trawlers obliged to land their entire catch in Senegal	2,150	1,600
3. Tuna boats not obliged to land their entire catch in Senegal	23,300	23,000
4. Trawlers not obliged to land their entire catch in Senegal:		
(a) for the whole year	5,000	
		12,300
(b) for a four-month period between 1 April and 30 September	9,000	
	(gross register tons over and above the tonnage referred to under (a))	

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Sir Henry PLUMB, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Brussels, 26 March 1982

Subject: Amendment of the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Senegal and the EEC on fishing off the coast of Senegal (COM(82) 14 final)

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the abovementioned proposal at its meeting of 18 March 1982.

The appropriations to be charged to the general budget of the Community amount to 8.2m ECU, divided equally between the 1982 and 1983 financial years.

For the current financial year Article 422 sets aside 5.8m ECU for fishing agreements now in force.

The Committee on Budgets is able to deliver a favourable opinion, although it wishes to point out that greater budgetary transparency would be achieved if a separate budget line was devoted to each fishing agreement.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Erwin LANGE

Present: Mr Lange, chairman; Mrs Barbarella, vice-chairman; Mr Abens, Mr Arndt, Mr Balfour, Mrs Boserup, Mr Croux, Mr Gouthier, Mr Habsburg, Mr Jackson, Mr Langes, Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Pfennig, Mr Saby, Mrs Scrivener and Mr Simonnet