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R E P O R T

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-43/82) for a regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guyana

Rapporteur: Mrs N. PÉRY

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By letter of 18 March 1982 the President of the Council consulted Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 mile nautical mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guyana, requesting the application of urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 1 April 1982 the committee appointed Mrs Péry rapporteur.

The committee considered the proposal at its meeting of 31 March and 1 April 1982, during which it adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Colleselli, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mrs Péry, rapporteur; 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, Mr Provan and Mr Woltjer.



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 regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200 nautical mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guyana

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82) 81 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-43/82),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-91/82),
- having regard to its previous opinion<sup>1</sup> on a similar proposal for the period from 1 April 1981 to 31 March 1982<sup>2</sup>,

As regards the licences referred to in Article 3 of the proposal

1. Considering that the capacity of shrimp-processing undertakings in the French department of Guyana has not increased by comparison with last year,
2. Considering that owners of fishing vessels from non-member countries must conclude a contract with a processing undertaking in order to obtain a licence, and the masters of such vessels are obliged to land their catches in the French department of Guyana,

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 90 of 21 April 1981, p. 111 - Doc. 1-54/81 - rapporteur: Mr Josselin

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 1-939/80 - COM(81) 20 final and Regulation (EEC No. 848/81) (OJ No. L 87 of 1 April 1981, p. 1)

3. Calls for the reduction from 81 to 76 in the number of licences granted to vessels of the United States, Japan and Korea to be deferred until such time as the Community fishing vessels at present under construction in the French department of Guyana are operational;

As regards the licences referred to in Article 4 of the proposal

4. Considering that the vessels of Trinidad and Tobago have not communicated the information provided for in Regulation (EEC) No. 848/81,
5. Considering that, if it is important to ensure compliance with the Community rules, the Commission proposal to reduce the number of licences and quotas by 30% is too harsh,
6. Proposes that the number of licences and quotas allocated to the vessels of Trinidad and Tobago should be reduced only by 10%,
7. Considering that the vessels of Barbados and Guyana did not apply for any licences in 1981, but that fishing can play a not inconsiderable role in the economic development of these countries,
8. Calls for the quotas and number of licences laid down for Barbados and Guyana in Regulation (EEC) No. 848/81 should continue to apply until 31 March 1983;

As regards the proposal's other provisions

9. Approves the other provisions of the proposal for a regulation, especially with regard to the tightening up of the inspection procedures

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10. Invites the Commission to amend its proposal, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty, on the basis of this opinion.