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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council for

- I. a decision on the conclusion of the agreement,
in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing
fishing arrangements between the European Economic
Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1981
(Doc. 1-961/80)
- II. a regulation laying down for 1981 certain measures
for the conservation and management of fishery
resources applicable to vessels flying the flag
of Norway (Doc. 1-29/81)

Rapporteur: Mr B. NIELSEN

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By letter of 26 February 1981, the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, on a proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1981, and requested application of the urgent procedure provided for in Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

By letter of 10 March 1981, the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, on a proposal for a Council regulation laying down for 1981 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway, and requested application of the urgent procedure provided for in Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture.

At its meeting of 16 and 17 February 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Nielsen rapporteur.

The Committee on Agriculture considered these proposals at its meeting of 16 - 18 March 1981.

At this meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution by 14 votes with 4 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Nielsen, rapporteur;
Miss Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mr Bocklet, Mr Cronin (deputizing for Mr Davern), Mr Curry, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Früh),
Mr Fanton, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Ligios, Mr Maher, Mr Provan,
Miss Quin, Mr Wettig and Mr Woltjer.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a decision on the conclusion of the Agreement, in the form of an exchange of letters, establishing fishing arrangements between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway for 1981,
- II. a regulation laying down for 1981 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(81) 21 final, and COM(81) 81 final Doc. 1-961/80 and Doc. 1-29/81),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 1-961/80 and Doc. 1-29/81)
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc.1-55/81),
- having regard to the fisheries Agreement concluded between the EEC and Norway¹,
- having regard to its opinion of 7 July 1978² on this Agreement,
- having regard to the minutes of the consultation on fisheries between Norway and the European Economic Community, approved in Oslo on 11 December 1980;

1. Recalls the importance of the EEC-Norway fisheries Agreement for the fishermen of both parties;
2. Believes that further discussions should be held with Norway with a view to clarifying the situation regarding the North Sea sprat stock and the Western mackerel stock;
3. Believes that an agreement should be concluded with Norway and Sweden on fishing in the Skaggeiak;
4. Believes that the question of access by Norwegian fishermen to the waters off Greenland in the long term must be considered in the context of access by Community fishermen to those waters;
5. Views as inadequate the control measures provided for to ensure that the quotas are respected by the parties concerned;
6. Requests clarification on the fishery arrangements applicable to the waters off Jan Mayen and calls on the Council to protect the interests of Community fishermen in these waters;

¹OJ No. L 226, 29.8.1980, p.47
²OJ No. C 182, 31.7.1978, p. 56

7. Expects that both the fixing by the Community of limits on by-catches for sprat fishing and Norway's rules on sand-eel fishing will be agreed after negotiations;
8. Subject to these reservations, approves the Commission's proposal.