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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. 1-627/80)
for a decision on the ~~the~~ conclusion of the Convention
on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East
Atlantic Fisheries

Rapporteur: Mr F. GAUTIER

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By letter of 24 November 1980 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 decision on the conclusion of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture.

At its meeting of 12 and 13 January 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Gautier rapporteur.

The Committee on Agriculture considered this proposal at its meeting of 16 to 18 March 1981.

At the same meeting it **unanimously** adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Früh, Mr Ligios, Mr Caillavet, vice-chairmen; Mr Gautier, rapporteur; Mr Barbagli (deputizing for Mr Bocklet), Miss Barbarella, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Dalsass, Mr Diana, Mr Helms, Mr Kirk, Mr Maher, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Tolman and Mr Sutra.

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 a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on the conclusion of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (80) 668 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-627/80),
 - having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc.1-56/81),
 - whereas the Convention on the North-East Atlantic Fisheries of 24 January 1959 no longer provided an adequate framework for multilateral cooperation to conserve fish stocks in the waters of the North-East Atlantic, particularly since the creation of 200-mile fishing zones by the coastal states of the North Atlantic;
 - whereas, in November 1976, the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission decided to open discussions with a view to drawing up a new Convention and whereas the work on this new Convention was completed in February 1980;
 - Whereas the new Convention was open to signature by the contracting parties between 17 November and 28 February 1981;
 - whereas the European Economic Community will be a party to this Convention;
 - whereas the new Convention will come into force once the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval have been deposited by a number of signatories stipulated in Article 20 of the Convention;
1. Welcomes the new Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries to which the European Economic Community as such will be a party;

2. Calls upon the Council to approve this Convention without further delay;
3. Requests the Commission to inform the European Parliament and the Council of the recommendations formulated by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission as soon as the European Economic Community receives notification thereof in order to ensure compliance with the time limits for submitting objections to the said recommendations laid down in Article 12 of the Convention;
4. Calls on the Commission to submit to the European Parliament and to the Council the amendments which it intends to propose to the new Convention before the deadline laid down in Article 19 of the ... Convention;
5. Stresses that no amendment shall be **approved by the European Economic Community** unless **adopted** by the Council acting by a qualified majority after consultation of the European Parliament;
6. Requests the Commission to endorse the following amendments pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty.

PROPOSAL FOR A COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of the Convention on Future Multilateral
Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries

Preamble, recitals and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3 (new)

The Commission shall inform the European Parliament and the Council of the recommendations formulated by the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission as soon as the European Economic Community has received notification of the said recommendations in order to ensure compliance with the time limits for submitting objections to such recommendations laid down in Article 12 of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries.

Article 4 (new)

The Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and to the Council the amendments which it intends to propose to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries before the start of the period laid down in Article 19 of the said Convention.

Article 5 (new)

No amendment to the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries shall be approved by the European Economic Community unless adopted by the Council, acting by a qualified majority, after consultation of the European Parliament.

