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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. 1-878/80) for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2527/80 of 30 September 1980 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources**

**Rapporteur: Mr W. HELMS**

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By letter of 5 February 1981 the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community on a proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) to 2527/80 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources.

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

At its meeting of 16 February 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Helms rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meetings of 22 and 23 April and 20 and 21 May 1981.

At the latter meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution by 16 votes with 3 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Helms, rapporteur; Mr Battersby, Mr Caillavet, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Cronin (deputizing for Mr Davern), Mr Curry, Mr Gautier, Mr Hord, Mr Kirk, Mr McCartin (deputizing for Mr Tolman), Mr Maffre-Baugé, Ms Quin Papaefstratiou, Mr Pranchere, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Vitale and Mr Wettig.

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 amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 2527/80 of 30 September 1980 laying down technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources

The European Parliament

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-878/80),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-263/81),
1. Considers that the Member States should not take advantage of the possibility afforded them under Article 19 in order to adopt fishing measures which discriminate against other Member States whereby they deny them access to their waters;
  2. Urges the Commission to ensure that this new article is properly applied by the Member States so as to make sure that they do not adopt measures contrary to the Treaties;
  3. Subject to these reservations, approves the Commission's proposal.
  4. Refers to its resolution of 21 November 1980<sup>2</sup> and 16 January 1981<sup>3</sup> and having itself delivered an opinion on all the main aspects of a common fisheries policy, calls upon the Council to lose no time in adopting a common fisheries policy, as the present situation is prejudicial both to the Community's fishermen and to the Community's public image in Europe.
  5. Looks to the Council to base its decision-minded proposals submitted by the Parliament.
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C29 of 10 February 1981, p. 3

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 237, 15.12.1980, p. 84, Doc. 1-560/80

<sup>3</sup> OJ No. 28, 9.2.1981, p. 48, Doc. 1-814/80