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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. 1-756/82 - COM(82) 599 final) for a regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the Government of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and the European Economic Community on fishing off the Guinean coast

Rapporteur: Mr Olivier d'ORMESSON

By letter of 15 October 1982, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the Government of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and the European Economic Community on fishing off the Guinean coast.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

The Committee on Development and Cooperation was requested to draw up a report on the aspects of the proposal relating to development and cooperation policies.

On 2 November 1982, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr d'Ormesson rapporteur.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meeting of 1/2 December 1982. At the same meeting the committee decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The committee then unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Curry, chairman; Mr Battersby (deputizing for Mr d'Ormesson as rapporteur), Mr Abens (deputizing for Mrs Herklotz), Mr Blaney, Mr Clinton, Mr Dalsass, Mrs Desouches (deputizing for Mr Sutra), Mr Gautier, Mr Goerens (deputizing for Mr Maher), Mr Harris (deputizing for Mr Howell), Mr Herman (deputizing for Mr Helms), Mr Hord, Mr Jakobsen (deputizing for Mr Bocklet), Mr Mertens, Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Stella (deputizing for Mr Ligios), Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Vitale and Mr Wettig.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets will be published separately.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation concerning the conclusion of the Agreement between the Government of the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea and the European Economic Community on fishing off the Guinean coast

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(82) 599 fin.)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-756/82),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-965/82),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal as a first step towards reaching a satisfactory fisheries agreement with the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the Agreement is for an initial three year rather than one year period;
 3. Requests the Commission to present to the European Parliament an annual report for all fishing agreements in the South Eastern Atlantic, covering
 - the degree of take up of licences by Community fishermen, with the numbers of vessels and fishermen involved,
 - the catches by species and landings in the countries concerned,
 - overall costs to Community fishermen, including expenditure on licences, wages to local fishermen required to be on board and other fees and additional costs;
 4. Requests the Commission to ensure proper coordination with the European Development Fund which provides grants and loans for fisheries development projects in West African countries having fisheries agreements with the Community;
 5. Asks that the Commission investigate the possibility of encouraging and participating in a regional fisheries organization to manage and conserve the fisheries resources of the Central Eastern Atlantic;

¹ OJ No. C 269, 13.10.82, p.3

6. 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;
7. 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;
8. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and Commission, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution.