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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. 1-1236/82 - COM(83) 28 final) for a Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community, Norway and Sweden on the regulation of fisheries in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat in 1983

Rapporteur: Mrs Jeanne PAUWELYN



By letter of 4 February 1983, 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 on the conclusion of the Agreement on the regulation of fisheries in the Sakgerrak and the Kattegat in 1983 between the European Economic Community, Norway and Sweden.

On 8 February 1983, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 10 February 1983, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mrs Pauwelyn rapporteur.

The Committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meetings of 16/17 February and 24/25 February 1983.

At the last meeting the Committee decided by 32 votes in favour with one abstention to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The Committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 32 votes in favour with one abstention.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Curry, chairman; Mr Colleselli and Mr Delatte, vice-chairmen; Mr Battersby (deputizing as rapporteur for Mrs Pauwelyn); Mr Abens (deputizing for Mrs Castle), Miss Barbarella, Mr Blaney, Miss Brookes (deputizing for Mr Howell), Mr Dalsass, Mrs Desouches (deputizing for Mrs Péry), Mr Diana, Mr Gatto, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Kirk, Mr Louwes (deputizing for Mr Jürgens), Mr Maher, Mrs S Martin, Mr Mertens, Mr B. Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Pranchère, Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Stella (deputizing for Mr Ligios), Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman, Mr Thareau, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Vgenopoulos, Mr Wettig and Mr Woltjer.



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 on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community, Norway and Sweden on the regulation of fisheries in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat in 1983

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(83) 28 final),<sup>1</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc.1-1236/82),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc.1-1334/82),
- having regard to the result of the vote on the proposal from the Commission,

(a) whereas the agreement reached between the Community, Norway and Sweden on their mutual fishing rights in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat for 1983 safeguards the fishing activities of the fishermen concerned,

(b) whereas the quotas allocated to the Community are based on traditional fishing activities,

1. Approves the Commission's proposal authorizing the conclusion of the above-mentioned agreement;
2. Points out that concern has been expressed with regard to sprat fisheries on the grounds that the sprat stock is itself reaching a dangerously low level;

In any case it should be insured that the development of herring stocks is to be secured by observance of application of even stricter regulations should these prove necessary;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No C 51 of 23.2.83, p.4

3. Notes that for these reasons, the sprat TAC will not be fixed until May following the advice of the ACFM, until when sprat fisheries will be carried out on the basis of catches in previous years;
4. Approves this procedure in the knowledge that sprat catches are at a low level in the first six months of the year, while the dangerous period in terms of herring by-catches is during the summer months;
5. Notes, moreover, that experiments on fishing for herring with a 40 mm mesh size will be carried out in 1983 in order to define more clearly the options to be followed in 1984 for the conservation of herring stocks, i.e. a reduced TAC or a larger minimum mesh size;
6. Notes that recent investigations have shown an inter-relationship between the herring stock in the Skagerrak and Kattegat and the herring stock in Zone IV(b) of the North Sea;
7. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council the proposal from the Commission as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution as Parliament's opinion.

Species	Area	TAC 1982	TAC 1983	Allocation to Norway 1982	Allocation to Norway 1983	Allocation to Sweden 1982	Allocation to Sweden 1983	Allocation to EEC 1982	Allocation to EEC 1983
Cod	S	20,000	25,000	650	810	2,850	3,570	16,500	20,620
Haddock	S + K	9,500	9,500	400	400	900	900	8,200	8,200
Whiting	S + K	22,150	22,150	400	400	400	2,100	19,650	19,650
Plaice	S	10,000	10,000	200	200	400	400	9,400	9,400
Herring	S + K	60,000	58,800	8,000	7,520	26,000	24,990	26,000	26,290
Mackerel	S + K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sprat	S + K	77,000	-	9,500	-	19,500	-	48,000	-

