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## INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and  
Transport

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the  
Council (Doc. 161/78) for a Directive concerning the ratification of Conventions  
on Safety in Shipping

Rapporteur: Lord BRUCE of DONINGTON

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The President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 84(2) and 100 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning the ratification of Conventions on Safety in Shipping.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport.

On 23 May 1978 the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport appointed Lord Bruce of Donington rapporteur.

It considered the draft interim report at its meeting of 24 May 1978 when it agreed that the report should be presented orally and the motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously.

Present: Lord Bruce of Donington, chairman and rapporteur; Mr McDonald, vice-chairman; Mr Brosnan, Mr Damseaux, Mr Fitch, Mr Hoffmann, Mr Ibrugger, Mr Noé, Mr Schyns and Mr Seefeld.

The Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport 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 directive concerning the ratification of Conventions on Safety in Shipping

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council COM(78) 238 final;
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 84(2) and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc.161/78);
  - having regard to the interim report of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport (Doc.162/78);
  - gravely concerned by accidents and collisions at sea;
  - having the intention to organise a public hearing on the most effective means of preventing accidents to shipping in Community waters, and the avoidance of consequential marine and coastal pollution;
  - not wanting to delay a Council decision on such an important matter;
1. Approves in principle the proposed directive.
  2. Does not want, however, to anticipate the proceedings of the public hearing which, on its initiative, is to be held in Paris on 20, 21 and 22 June next, and therefore reserves the right to produce a more considered opinion following that public hearing.