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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PRESCOTT, Mr SCHMIDT, Mr LABAN,
Mr ESPERSEN and Mr CONCAS
on behalf of the Socialist Group.

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the extension of Community Member States' fishing
zones to 200 miles by 1 January 1977

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The European Parliament

- having regard to the failure of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference to produce an international convention for ratification at its September session;
 - having regard to the intention of some States including Iceland, Norway, the United States and Canada to extend unilaterally their fishing zones to 200 miles early in 1977;
 - noting that the consequences will be severely detrimental to the fishing industries of the Community if the Community States fail to extend their fishing zones to 200 miles;
 - convinced of the need for Member States of the Community to take immediate action;
1. Calls upon the Council of the Communities to agree an extension of the Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles by January 1977;
 2. Calls upon the Commission to open discussions on fishing agreements with non-Community nations, and to begin immediately negotiations with Iceland concerning the British fishing agreement which ends on 30 November;
 3. Calls upon the Commission to take the initiative in calling for a conference of Ministers from Community Member States and our European neighbours in the Council of Europe to discuss the social, political and economic problems that will arise from a unilateral European extension of fishing zones.