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SECOND REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and
Consumer Protection

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council (Doc. 497/75) for a directive concerning the dumping of wastes at sea

Rapporteur: Lord BETHELL

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English Edition

By letter of 22 January 1976 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal for a Council directive concerning the dumping of wastes at sea.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal on 30 January 1976 to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection as the committee responsible.

On 16 February 1976 the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection appointed Lord Bethell rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meetings of 22 March, 27 April, 18 May and 29 June 1976.

At its meeting of 29 June 1976 the committee adopted the motion for a resolution by 7 votes to 1 with 5 abstentions.

During the plenary session of 17 September 1976 the President, pursuant to Article 26, paragraph 2 of the Rules of Procedure, sent the report back to the committee for further discussion.

At its meeting of 20 October 1976, the committee considered the revised motion for a resolution and adopted it with one abstention.

Present: Lord Bethell, acting chairman and rapporteur; Mr Adams, Mr Bertrand, Miss Boothroyd, Mr Brégégère, Mr Didier, Mr Evans, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mrs Kruchow, Mr Molloy, Mr Noè, Mr Plebe and Mr Walkhoff.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection 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 dumping of wastes at sea

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 497/75),
 - having regard to the second report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 375/76),
1. Recognizes that marine pollution remains a very important threat to the natural environment;
 2. Notes that all Member States have signed the London Convention, the global agreement on the dumping of wastes at sea, but that not all of these Member States have ratified it;
 3. Notes that various Member States have signed three other international agreements on the dumping of wastes at sea - the Oslo Convention, the Barcelona Convention and the Baltic Convention - but that not all of these Member States have ratified them;
 4. Recognizes the need for every Member State to apply and enforce the rules and criteria for dumping, as laid down by the international convention appropriate to the sea area in question;
 5. Recognizes that the provisions of various conventions may properly vary according to the different characteristics of the sea areas to which they apply.
 6. Invites the Commission to amend Annexes 1 and 2 of their proposal so that the lists of substances for which dumping is restricted coincide exactly with the provisions in the international conventions appropriate to their various sea areas;

¹OJ No. C 40, 20.2.1976, p.3

7. Invites the Commission to ensure in their proposal, that their own proposed enforcement procedures do not conflict with, or in any way duplicate the enforcement procedures of the various international conventions;
8. Expresses the hope that the Community will sign and ratify the London, Oslo, Baltic and Barcelona Conventions;
9. Considers that, thus amended, the present directive provides a means of implementing these international conventions at Community level.