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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. 128/73) for a directive amending and supplementing certain directives following the enlargement of the Communities

Rapporteur: Mr J. SCOTT-HOPKINS

By letter of 28 June 1973 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council directive amending and supplementing certain directives following the enlargement of the Communities.

On 3 July the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS rapporteur at its meeting of 4 July 1973, and at its meeting of 12 September 1973 it discussed the proposed directive and unanimously adopted the following motion for a resolution.

The following were present: Mr Heger, acting chairman;
Mr Scott-Hopkins, rapporteur; Mr Broeksz (deputizing for Mr Cifarelli),
Mr Gibbons, Mr John Hill, Mr Hunault, Mr Kavanagh, Mr de Koning,
Mr Laban, Mr Ligios, Miss Lulling.

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

#### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council directive amending and supplementing certain directives following the enlargement of the Communities

#### The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(73) 1037 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 128/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 157/73 ),
- 1. Deplores the considerable delay by the Commission in submitting these proposals, which have been needed since the provisions of the Act of Accession came into force on 1 January 1973;
- 2. Approves the content of the proposed directive;
- 3. Requests the Commission to adopt, pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty, the following formal amendment to the preamble of the proposal;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

PROPOSAL for a Council directive amending and supplementing certain directives following the enlargement of the Communities

AMENDED TEXT

PROPOSAL for a Council directive amending and supplementing certain directives following the enlargement of the Communities

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof;

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed in Brussels on 22 January 1972,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

unchanged

Having regard to the Treaty concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Economic Community and to the European Atomic Energy Community, signed in Brussels on 22 January 1972, as amended in Article 8 of the Decision of the Council of the European Communities of 1 January 1973 embodying certain changes to the Acts of Accession of the new Member States to the European Communities.

The rest of the preamble, the recitals and the substantive paragraphs remain unchanged.

<sup>1</sup> For complete text, see COM (73) 1037 fin.

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The proposal for a directive under consideration is intended to amend the supplement, following the enlargement of the Community, various Council directives which were adopted during the period between the signing of the Accession Treaty and its entry into force on 1 January 1973.

The directive would amend the number of votes necessary for an opinion to be adopted by certain committees (The Permanent Committee on the Structure of Agriculture, the Permanent Committee on Agricultural Statistics and the Permanent Veterinary Committee) and determine territorial divisions in the new Member States for certain statistical surveys (on the production potential of certain types of fruit trees and on milk and milk products).

It should be noted first of all that the number of votes required in the committees corresponds to the number established for voting in the Council of Ministers.

This number, which Article 148(2) of the Treaty of Rome fixed at 12, was changed to 43 by Article 14 of the Act of Accession, and an Annex to this text listed the regulations and directives whose articles were affected by this amendment.

However, since the Kingdom of Norway did not become a member of the Community, the number of votes was subsequently changed to 41 by Article 8 of the Council Decision of 1 January 1973.

As a consequence of this last change, the Commission submitted the text under consideration to the Council on 26 June 1973.

In this connection, however, the Committee on Agriculture notes that there has been a considerable delay in submitting the proposal under consideration, because formal adaptation of the texts in question has been necessary since the provisions of the Act of Accession and the above-mentioned Council decision came into force on 1 January 1973.

See the Decision of the Council of the European Communities embodying amendments to the acts of accession of the new Member States to the European Communities - OJ L 2, 1.1.1973

As regards supplementing the directives on statistical surveys by determining territorial divisions for the new Member States, it must be stressed that the delay in submitting the proposals will certainly lead to delay in assembling the relevant data.

In conclusion, the Committee on Agriculture, given the nature of the proposal, delivers a favourable opinion on the text under consideration but regrets the delay with which it was submitted. Finally, it seems necessary to make a formal amendment to the text of the proposal, changing the preamble to include a reference to the Council Decision of 1 January 1973 which amended the Acts of Accession.

Without this addition the text would in fact be incomplete since, as mentioned above, the Accession Treaty fixed the number of votes at 43 on the assumption that the Kingdom of Norway would accede to the Community.