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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 281/73) for the two regulations extending the period of application of Council Regulations Nos. 227 /72 and 228 /72 of 31 January 1972 on the import into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia and Morocco

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PE 35.328/fin.

By letter of 10 December 1973, the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for two regulations extending the period of application of Council Regulations 227/72 and 228/72 of 31 January 1972 on imports into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively.

On 11 December 1973 the President of the Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations, as the committee responsible, and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 20 December 1973 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Thornley rapporteur. It discussed the proposals at its meeting of 20 December 1973.

At the same meeting the Committee on External Economic Relations unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement.

The following were present: Mr Boano, acting Chairman; Mr Thomsen, Vice-Chairman; Mr Thornley, rapporteur; Mr Bangemann, Sir Tufton Beamish, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Klepsch, Mr Ligios, Miss Lulling (deputizing for Mr Brégégère), Mr Sandri, Mr Schmidt (deputizing for Mr Müller), Mr Thiry, Mr Vetrone.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations 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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for two regulations extending the period of application of Council Regulations 227/72 and 228/72 of 31 January 1972 on imports into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, and by urgent procedure (Doc. 281/73),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 309/73),
1. Approves the Commission's proposals;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

¹ OJ No. C 114 of 27 December 1973, pp. 71 and 72

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The arrangements for importing into the Community fishery products originating in Morocco and Tunisia, laid down by regulations in 1971, do not cover certain varieties of these products (trout, carp, preserved sardines and tunny) as definitive Community arrangements have not yet been adopted for them.

However, in 1972, a Council regulation laid down transitional arrangements for imports into the Community of these products originating in Morocco and Tunisia.

The period of application of these arrangements has already been extended once.

Since the common arrangements for importing the products in question into the Community have not yet entered into force, the transitional arrangements must be further extended to cover 1974 to prevent any interruption of trade in these products between the EEC and the two countries mentioned above.

This is the purpose of the two proposals for regulations submitted to the Parliament for consideration.

These proposals are purely technical in nature. The Committee on External Economic Relations has no objections to them and therefore recommends their adoption without amendment.

Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture

Letter from Mr Houdet, Chairman of the committee, to Mr de la Malène, Chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations.

Strasbourg, 16 January 1974

Dear Mr de La Malène,

At its meeting of 15 January 1974 the Committee on Agriculture, which had been asked for its opinion, discussed the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- two draft regulations extending the period of application of Council Regulations 227/72 and 228/72 of 31 January 1972 on imports into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia and Morocco respectively (Doc. 281/73).

At the above meeting the Committee on Agriculture raised no objections to the proposed regulations and approved them unanimously¹. It requested me to notify the Committee on External Economic Relations of this favourable opinion by letter.

Yours sincerely,

R. Houdet

¹ The following were present: Mr Laban, Vice-Chairman and acting Chairman; Mr Baas, Mr Brugger, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Gibbons, Mr Héger, Mr John Hill, Mr Kavanagh, Mr de Koning, Mr Martens and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

