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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LALOR, on behalf of the Group
of European Progressive Democrats

with request for **topical and urgent** debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the sinking of an Irish fishing vessel

PE 78.628

'The European Parliament,

- A - noting the recent sinking of an Irish fishing vessel, the 'Sharelga', in the Irish Sea by a British submarine on 18 April 1982, whereas the incident took place within Irish fishing waters,
- B - aware that continued uncontrolled activity by submarines in the Irish Sea will greatly increase the hazards faced by fishermen in an area where a higher intensity of fishing is expected,
1. Deplores the fact that the British authorities denied admission of responsibility for 2 weeks;
 2. Deplores the lack of concern shown by U.K. naval authorities for the lives of fishermen on 'Sharelga';
 3. Demands that the Community draw up a 'code of safety' with a view to establishing rights of passage for Member States' vessels in Irish fishing waters and the fishing waters of the other Member States;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the President of the United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.'