

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1975-1976

---

25 September 1975

DOCUMENT 268/75

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BANGEMANN

on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Community's sea transport policy

PE 41.994/fin.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the important role played by sea transport in ensuring supplies of energy and raw materials and in safeguarding international trade in goods,
- having considered the different structures of the merchant fleets of the Nine which, so far, have been adequate for the task, is nevertheless of the opinion that new ideas should be formulated to cope with sea transport restructuring problems,
- feels that the overall objective of a sea transport policy in the countries of the EEC should be the construction of merchant fleets based on private economy, and on safeguarding and increasing their productivity and profitability and the standard of living of those employed in the sector,
- requests the Commission of the Communities to put forward proposals for the harmonization of the lines of development followed by the various Member States of the Community and, if appropriate, to pursue them in the form of joint action,
- proposes that priority be given to the elimination of distortions of competition within the Community by harmonizing the main factors likely to affect costs in the sectors of shipbuilding policy, fiscal policy and labour market social policy and by eliminating all other national protectionist measures,
- urges the appropriate EEC bodies to encourage action outside the Community aimed at combating protectionist attitudes throughout the world and to take the necessary measures to resist the increasing pressure of competition from the merchant fleets of the Comecon countries.