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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 26/79) for

- I. a Regulation allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese waters**
- II. a Regulation allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the exclusive economic zone of Norway**
- III. a Regulation allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Swedish waters**
- IV. a Regulation laying down for the period 1 January to 31 December 1979 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands**
- V. a Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain for the period 1 January to 31 December 1979**

Rapporteur: Mr H. LEMP

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By letter of 26 March 1979 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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

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On 30 March 1979 the President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Lemp rapporteur, at its meeting of 4 April 1979.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 24 April 1979.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

Present: Mr Caillavet, chairman; Mr Liogier, vice-chairman; Mr Lemp, rapporteur; Mr Albertini, Mr Brégégère, Mr Dewulf, Mr Durand, Mr Früh, Mr Inchauspé, Mr W. Müller, Mr Nielsen, Mr Pisoni.

The Committee on Agriculture 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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

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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 EEC Treaty (Doc. 26/79)
- having regard to the report drawn up by Mr Lemp (Doc. 231/78) embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on a regulation on the conclusion of the agreement on fisheries between the EEC, the Commission and the Kingdom of Norway²,
- having regard to the framework agreement negotiated between the Community and Spain,

¹ OJ No. C 88, 4.4.1979, p. 7 - C 90, 6.4.1979, p. 3 and 5 COM(79) 148 final and 150 final

² OJ No. C 182, 31.7.78, p. 56

- having regard to the report drawn up by Mr John Corrie on a number of proposals concerning fishing by vessels of Norway and Sweden in Community waters (Doc. 7/79),
- having regard to the report drawn up by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 130/79),

Procedural aspects

1. Calls the attention of the Parliament, the Council and the Commission to the facts that:
 - (a) the European Parliament was consulted urgently for the session of March 1979 upon five proposals concerning fishing relations with Norway and Sweden, regulating principally quota allocations to those countries in Community waters, and
 - (b) the European Parliament is now consulted inter alia on a number of related proposals regulating quotas to Community vessels in Norwegian and Swedish waters;
2. Considers that these two sets of proposals constitute a package which can only be considered properly together; and therefore finds unacceptable the fact that the European Parliament was not informed in time of the content of the present proposals so as to make this global examination possible;
3. Calls, once more, therefore upon the Commission to provide more long-term information on issues under examination so as to improve the working relationship between the Commission and the Parliament and so establish the basis for a true dialogue between the Parliament and the Council;

General aspects

4. Stresses the importance to Community fishermen of a Council decision to sign the framework agreement with Norway, together with the agreement drawn up with Spain, and to conclude the agreements already signed with the Faroese islands and Sweden;
5. Stresses the importance of the proper and adequate policing of fisheries agreements and to this end believes that licences should be required of Third Country vessels in all Community zones and not merely in certain, as under certain of the proposals;
6. Welcomes the suggestion that, where necessary, Third Country vessels may be required to take on board a Community inspector to ensure respect for agreements;

7. Emphasizes the importance for proper management of an adequate statistical framework;
8. Considers, therefore, that all Third Country vessels, above a certain size, should be required to maintain a logbook for recording catches;
9. Requests the Commission to draw up a standard logbook to be included in all proposals concerning catches by Third Country vessels in Community waters;
10. Considers, furthermore, that the location of catches should be defined more precisely than by reference to geographical area, and that location of catches should be defined by ICES zone or, in certain areas, by statistical rectangle;
11. Approves, subject to the above observations, the Commission's proposals.

