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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and  
Cooperation

on the proposal from the Commission of the European  
Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-658/79) for a  
Regulation on trade arrangements between southern  
Rhodesia and the European Economic Community

Rapporteur : Mr Michel PONIATOWSKI

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By letter of 11 January 1980 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 to the Council for a regulation on trade arrangements between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 15 January 1980 the Committee on Development and Cooperation appointed Mr Poniatowski rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at the same meeting and adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement unanimously with one abstention.

Present: Mr Poniatowski, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Bersani, Mr Kühn, vice-chairman; Mrs Cassanmagnago Cerretti (replacing Mr Narducci), Mr Cohen, Mr Enright, Mr Ferrero, Mr Jaquet, Mr Marshall, Mr Michel, Mr Pannella (replacing Mrs Castellina), Mr Pearce, Mrs Poirier (replacing Mr Pajetta), Mr Simmonds, Mr Vergeer, Mr Vergès, Sir Fred Warner, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Woltjer (replacing Mrs Focke).

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The Committee on Development and Cooperation 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 to the Council for a regulation on trade arrangements between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council, (COM(80) 7 final),
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-658/79),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 1-673/79),
1. Approves the proposal for a regulation changing the regime applicable to trade between Southern Rhodesia and the European Economic Community
  2. Believes that this measure should contribute to the re-establishment of stability in Southern Rhodesia.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Following the return to legality of Southern Rhodesia, it is appropriate that measures should be taken as soon as possible to restore economic relations between the Community and this territory in order to help the institutional developments which are proposed during 1980.

The Commission proposal contains a draft regulation, which has the purpose of according to Southern Rhodesia access to the Community market on terms which are analogous to the access accorded to the Overseas Countries and Territories.

The draft regulation (which is shown in the Annex of the Commission proposal) concerns products which come within the Common Agricultural Policy, and the Council can only implement this regulation after consulting the Parliament.

In view of the urgent necessity to apply this new regime as soon as possible, it is to be hoped that the Parliament can give its opinion at its January sitting. The Committee on Development and Cooperation warmly supports the measures proposed.