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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-677/80) for a regulation concerning allocation and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for vessels flying the flag of a Member State and fishing in the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention

Rapporteur: Mr K. KIRK

By letter of 4 December 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 (EEC) concerning allocation and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for vessels flying the flag of a Member State and fishing in the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture.

At its meeting of 26 November 1980, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Kirk rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 21 and 22 January 1981. At the same meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution by 19 votes to none with 3 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Kirk, rapporteur, Mr Battersby; Mrs Cresson, Mr Dalsass, Mr Delatte, Mr Diana, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Hord, Mr Louwes (deputizing for Mr Jürgens), Mr Maher, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Nielsen, Mr Papaefstratiou, Mr Provan, Mr Tolman, Mr Vergès (deputizing for Mr Pranchère), Mr Vernimmen, Mr Wettig and Mr Woltjer.

The explanatory statement will be delivered orally.

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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning allocation and control of certain catch quotas for 1981 for vessels flying the flag of a Member State and fishing in the Regulatory Area defined in the NAFO Convention

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80)720 final)
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. C 1-677/80),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-831/80);
1. Considers impracticable the proposal in Article 2 (3) requiring reports on catches from quota allocations to be made in increments of 10 tonnes; and believes, therefore, that this figure of 10 tonnes should be increased;
 2. Protests once more against the Commission's failure to inform Parliament of the proposal before it became binding under the provisions of the NAFO Convention; and does not believe that the Commission should have the power to bind the Community without informing Parliament or the Council;
 3. Approves the Commission's proposal, on condition that the proposal, and especially the procedures, are modified according to the above reservations.