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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities

(Doc. 170/77) to the Council for seven regulations on the safeguard measures

provided for in the Cooperation Agreements and Interim Agreements between the

European Economic Community and

- the Arab Republic of Egypt,
- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,
- the Syrian Arab Republic,
- the Lebanese Republic,
- the Kingdom of Morocco,
- the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and the
- Republic of Tunisia

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PE 49.430/fin.

By letter of 17 June 1977 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 seven regulations on the safeguard measures provided for in the respective Cooperation Agreements and Interim Agreements between the European Economic Community and

- the Arab Republic of Egypt,
- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,
- the Syrian Arab Republic,
- the Lebanese Republic,
- the Kingdom of Morocco,
- the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and
- the Republic of Tunisia

The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on External Economic Relations,

On 22 June 1977 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Kaspereit rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 22 June 1977 and at the same meeting unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Bersani, Lord Brimelow, Lord Castle, Mr de Clercq, Mr L'Estrange, Mr Maigaard, Mr Pintat and Mr Vandewiele.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations 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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for seven regulations on the safeguard measures provided for in the respective Cooperation Agreements and Interim Agreements between the European Economic Community and

- the Arab Republic of Egypt,
- the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,
- the Syrian Arab Republic,
- the Lebanese Republic,
- the Kingdom of Morocco,
- the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, and
- the Republic of Tunisia,

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(77) 246 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 170/77),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 201/77),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. A number of safeguard clauses are contained in the cooperation agreements which the Community has concluded with Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

2. The aim of the proposed regulations is to lay down procedural rules which are necessary to enable the safeguard clauses provided for to be applied within the Community.

3. In particular, they define the way in which three existing regulations, i.e.

- Council Regulation (EEC) No. 459/68 of 5 April 1968 on protection against dumping or the granting of bounties or subsidies by countries which are not members of the European Economic Community¹, as amended by
- Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2011/73 of 24 July 1973², and
- Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74 of 4 June 1974 on common rules for imports³,

will be applied to the relevant Articles of the Cooperation Agreements.

4. In view of the predominantly technical nature of the proposed regulations, the Committee on External Economic Relations gives them its unreserved approval.

¹ OJ No L 93, 17.4.1968, p. 1

² OJ No L 206, 27.7.1973, p. 3

³ OJ No L 159, 15.6.1974, p. 1

WRITTEN QUESTION No 82/77

by Mr Lezzi

to the Council of the European Communities

(1 April 1977)

Subject: Regional projects in the countries of the Mediterranean basin

Some years ago the European Community defined its policy regarding the Mediterranean basin. Assuming that regional cooperation between the countries of the Mediterranean basin may enhance the prospects for peace in that part of the world, will the Council list the regional projects which the Community is financing or proposes to finance in this area? If so such financing is being provided, are studies nevertheless being made of such projects?

Answer

(15 June 1977)

The Cooperation Agreements concluded between the Community and various countries of the Mediterranean basin under the Community's overall Mediterranean policy are designed to contribute to the economic and social development of these countries and, in the Council's opinion, provide a means of promoting stability in this region.

As far as the cooperation aspects are concerned, these Agreements will enter into force as soon as the necessary ratification or approval procedures have

been completed in the contracting States. Accordingly, the Council has not yet had occasion to comment on specific projects under these Cooperation Agreements. The Community nevertheless proposes to proceed in the near future with preparatory discussions for the implementation of cooperation with the aforementioned countries so that practical measures can be taken as soon as the Agreements enter into force. For the moment, then, it would seem difficult to make forecasts about the projects that might be submitted to the Community for examination by its partners.