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on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of the Ivory Coast on fishing off the Ivory Coast (COM(90) 0374 final - C3-0247/90)

Opinion in letter form

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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

Letter from the committee chairman to Mr Juan Luis COLINO SALAMANCA, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

Brussels, 7 November 1990

Subject: Proposal for a regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of the Ivory Coast on fishing off the Ivory Coast (COM(90) 0374 - C3-0247/90)

Dear Mr Chairman,

At its meeting of 7 November 1990, the Committee on Budgets considered the above item.

After a discussion, it took the view that the amounts entered in the financial memorandum for 1990 do not seem justified in view of the fact that this is a new agreement which will be implemented only after final approval by the Council. As regards the heading against which this item is to be charged, the Committee on Budgets points out that, at this stage of the 1991 budgetary procedure, a specific heading has been created for fisheries agreements to finance scientific programmes and the award of scholarships under Item B7-5022. Should this decision be confirmed, the Commission will need to enter part of these appropriations against that heading.

The Committee on Budgets makes the general criticism that the information on fishing agreements is insufficient to allow Parliament to play a greater role in this area. This being so, the committee proposes tabling an amendment to ensure that the budgetary authority is provided with annual information on the utilization of the agreement.

Subject to adoption of this amendment, the Committee on Budgets approves the agreement in question.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd) Miguel ARIAS CANETE

(sgd) Thomas von der VRING

AMENDMENT

Insert the following recital:

Whereas, in view of the importance of improved information for the budgetary authority, the Commission must each year report on the stage reached in implementation of this agreement in order to facilitate decision-making during the annual budgetary procedure;

Following Article 2

Insert the following article:

The Commission shall each year provide the budgetary authority with a detailed report on the stage reached in implementation of this agreement.

The following were present for the vote: von der Vring, (chairman); Arias Canete (draftsman); Goedmakers, Langes, Lo Giudice, Kellett-Bowman, Marques Mendes, Miranda da Silva, Theato and Wynn.

