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on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector  
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By letter of 24 September 1990 the Council consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector.

At the sitting of 8 October 1990 the President of Parliament announced that he had referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion. At its meeting of 27 September 1990 the Committee on Agriculture had appointed Mr Arias Cañete rapporteur.

At the sitting of 9 July 1990 the President of the European Parliament referred the motion for a resolution by Mr Bandrés Molet on fishing activities (B3-0885/90) to the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets for its opinion, pursuant to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure. At its meeting of 18 September 1990 the committee decided to include the motion for a resolution in this report.

By letter of 22 October 1990 the Council requested application of the urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 75 of the Rules of Procedure. This request was approved by Parliament at the sitting of 20 November 1990.

At its meetings of 29 October and 20 November 1990 the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development considered the Commission proposal and the draft report.

At the latter meeting it adopted the draft legislative resolution unopposed with three abstentions.

The following took part in the vote: Killilea, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Borgo, vice-chairman; Arias Cañete, rapporteur (for Ortiz Climent); Adam (for Stevenson), Bocklet, Carvalho Cardoso, Ewing (for Santos López), Funk, Görlach, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Lataillade (for Lane), McCubbin, Maher (for Garcia), Marck, Miranda da Silva (for Piquet), Morris, Navarro, Partsch (for Graefe zu Baringdorf), Sierra Bardají, Sonneveld and Vázquez Fouz.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached to this report.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 21 November 1990.

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Commission proposal for a Council regulation  
amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 on Community measures  
to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector

Commission text\*

Amendments

(Amendment No. 1)  
Fifth recital

Whereas structural policy must seek primarily to ensure balanced exploitation of the resources native to Community waters; whereas the Community must acknowledge a situation which gives rise to increasing concern in respect of certain stocks; whereas, moreover, the Community, on account of its shortage of fishery products, must seek to expand its sources of supply;

Whereas structural policy must seek primarily to ensure a modern, competitive, efficient and safe fleet in tandem with an adequate policy for the management of resources, international fishery relations, transparency and the supply of the Community market;

(Amendment No. 2)  
Fifth recital a (new)

Whereas it is essential that zonal plans be drawn up in consultation with the local fishing industry and that they be managed at the local level; whereas zonal plans must also contribute to required reductions in fishing effort.

(Amendment No. 3)  
Eleventh recital

Whereas promotion campaigns should be organized with a view to increasing the level of consumption of certain species, including certain rapidly developing agriculture products capable of improving the supply of fishery products;

Whereas promotion campaigns should be organized with a view to increasing the level of consumption of fresh and industrially processed products of certain fish species, including those derived from aquaculture, which pose problems because of surpluses or underfishing or are subject to market fluctuations.

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\* For full text see OJ No. C 243, 28.9.1990, p.6

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 4)  
Thirteenth recital

Whereas maximum transparency is required in order to monitor the activities of the undertakings concerned;

Whereas maximum transparency is required in order to monitor the activities of the undertakings concerned, especially as regards the actual transfer of vessels to joint undertakings or the permanent withdrawal of vessels and the provision of accurate information concerning engine power and tonnage in the construction of new vessels.

(Amendment No. 5)  
Fifteenth recital a (new)

Whereas the reforms provided for in this Regulation must be incorporated into the reforms of the structural funds, particularly as regards the financial aspects;

(Amendment No. 6)  
Fifteenth recital b (new)

Whereas the success of the structural fisheries policy is also highly dependent on this policy being included in the future reform of the structural funds for 1993;

(Amendment No. 7)  
Fifteenth recital c (new)

Whereas no structural fisheries policy measure can be successful unless consideration is given at the same time to its social and economic effects, particularly as regards employment and the impact on the less-favoured regions of the Community;

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 8)  
Fifteenth recital d (new)

Whereas the Commission should mount an information campaign to ensure that details of the Community financial aid provided for in this Regulation are widely circulated to fishermen throughout the Community;

(Amendment No. 9)  
ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 1  
Article 1(1) point (f) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

(f) the search for new outlets for products derived from surplus or underfished species, and for aquaculture products which, by virtue of their rapid growth, pose problems of disposal on the Community market;

(f) the search for new outlets for products intended for consumption in both fresh and processed form, derived from surplus or underfished species, and for products derived from aquaculture which pose problems of disposal on the Community market;

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 10)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 2

Article 1(1) point (g) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. The following point (g) is added to Article 1(1):

2. Deleted

'(g) the development of small-scale fisheries, meaning fishing activities carried out by vessels with a length of less than nine metres between perpendiculars, or 12 metres in the case of vessels capable of trawling and that have at least the following characteristics:

- an operating range limited to the first six miles from the baselines,
- a trip time of less than 24 hours,
- a crew of no more than five,
- inclusion in the Community register of fishing vessels.'

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 11)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 3

Article 1(2) and 1(3) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

3. In Article 1, paragraphs 2 and 3 are replaced by the following:

3. Deleted

'2. The measures specified in paragraph 1(a), (b), (d) and (g) must form part of the multiannual guidance programmes referred to in Title I.

In addition, the measures specified in paragraph 1(g) must form part of the zonal plans referred to in Title I.

3. The measures specified in paragraph 1(e) must form part of a Community support framework under the common measure introduced by Regulation (EEC) No. 4042/89'.



Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 12)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 6

Article 2(5) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

6. The following paragraphs 5 and 6 are added to Article 2:

5. For the purposes of this Regulation, the term "zonal plan", hereinafter referred to as a "plan", shall mean a plan covering small-scale fisheries, an activity carried out by vessels with a length of less than nine metres between perpendiculars, or 12 metres in the case of vessels capable of trawling, comprising a set of objectives, together with a statement of the means necessary for obtaining them, as a guide for restructuring in an overall long-term context the small-scale fisheries sector in one or more coastal zones of the Member States.

6. The following paragraphs 5 and 6 are added to Article 2:

5. For the purposes of this Regulation, the term "zonal plan", hereinafter referred to as a "plan", shall mean a plan covering small-scale fisheries, an activity carried out by vessels which have at least the following characteristics:

- a length of less than nine metres between perpendiculars, or 12 metres in the case of vessels capable of trawling,

- inclusion in the Community register of fishing vessels,

- activity lasting at least 120 days of fishing per year,

- and comprising a set of objectives, together with a statement of the measures and means necessary for obtaining them, as a guide for restructuring in an overall long-term context the small-scale fisheries sector in one or more coastal zones of the Member State.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 13)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 6

Article 2(6) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

6. The plans must cover the whole of the small-scale fisheries sector in the Member State concerned and
- include a review of the measures taken over the previous three to five years and a description of the current situation of small-scale fisheries,
  - describe accurately the needs of the sector and the means by which these are to be achieved, and justify the Community assistance to be provided,
  - describe also the policies to be applied by the Member State during the implementation of the plan and specify precisely the targets to be achieved and the financing schedule,
  - cover the period from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1992.'

6. The plans must:

- cover the whole of the small-scale fisheries sector in the Member State concerned,
- be compatible with the multiannual guidance programme of the Member State concerned,
- cover the period from 1 January 1991 to 31 December 1991,
- satisfy at least the requirements set out in Annex Ia.

Six months before the plan is due to end, the Member States shall submit new zonal plans covering the period from 1 January 1992 to 31 December 1996, coordinated with the multiannual guidance plans, which they shall also submit.'

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 14)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 8a (new)

Article 5a (new) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

The failure of any Member State to fulfil the commitments and objectives undertaken in its multiannual guidance or zonal plans shall not affect other Member States which have fulfilled their commitments; they shall receive the aid provided for by this Regulation.

The Commission shall notify the Member States of the situation regarding the implementation of the various multiannual guidance or zonal plans twice a year.

(Amendment No. 15)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 14

Article 14(1)(d) (new) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

(d) waters of third countries with which the Community has negotiated fisheries agreements providing for the conduct of exploratory fishing voyages.

(Amendment No. 16)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 15

Article 14(2)(b) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

'and a maximum duration of 220 days;'

Deleted

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 17)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 16

Article 14(2)(e) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

(e) have an objective compatible with the guidelines determined periodically by the Commission, of which Member States will be informed within the committee referred to in Article 16(3), with particular regard to fishing zones, fish species, fishing gear and fishing methods.

(e) have an objective compatible with the guidelines determined annually by the Commission, having regard to the situation of known fishery resources and foreseeable trends in the market for fishery and aquaculture products, of which Member States will be informed before the beginning of each year within the Committee referred to in Article 16(3), with particular regard to fishing zones, fish species, fishing gear and fishing methods.

(Amendment No. 18)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 17

Article 15(1) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

1. The aid referred to in Article 14 shall consist in the granting of incentive premiums. The premium for each project shall be equal to 40% of the eligible cost of the voyage. Payment is conditional on payment by the Member State concerned of a premium of between 10 and 20% of these costs.

1. The aid referred to in Article 14 shall consist in the granting of incentive premiums. The premium for each project shall be equal to 40% of the eligible cost of the voyage. Payment is conditional on payment by the Member State concerned of a premium of between 10 and 20% of these costs. Exceptionally, incentive premiums may cover up to 100% of the eligible cost for voyages aimed at the exploitation of unknown or insufficiently known fishery resources and which therefore involve a high risk.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 19)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 18

Article 17b(2) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. To qualify for financial aid, the projects referred to in paragraph 1 must also:
- (a) relate to fishing operations lasting a minimum of 60 days per year and per vessel and comprising one or more voyages and up to a maximum of 220 days;
- (b) relate to fishing vessels measuring not less than 12 metres in length between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, belong to natural or legal persons in the Community, have been in operation for more than five years, fly the flag of a Member State and are registered in a Community port;
- (c) have an objective compatible with the general aims laid down from time to time by the Commission, of which the Member States shall be informed within the framework of the committee, and relating, in particular, to fishing zones, fish species, fishing gear and fishing methods;
2. To qualify for financial aid, the projects referred to in paragraph 1 must also:
- (a) relate to fishing operations lasting a minimum of 60 days per year and per vessel and comprising one or more voyages;
- (b) relate to fishing vessels measuring not less than 12 metres in length between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, belong to natural or legal persons in the Community, fly the flag of a Member State and are registered in a Community port;
- The right to financial aid shall not be forfeited where redeployment operations are carried out in the waters of third countries whose laws require temporary or provisional registration in that country for fishing activities to be permitted.
- (c) have an objective compatible with the general aims laid down annually by the Commission, with a view to the development of fish stocks and the situation of Community stocks of fishery and aquaculture products, of which the Member States shall be informed before the beginning of each year within the framework of the Committee, and relating, in particular, to fishing zones, fish species, fishing gear and fishing methods;

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 20)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 18

Article 17c (1) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

Does not affect the English version.

(Amendment No. 21)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 18

Article 17d (2) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

Does not affect the English version.

(Amendment No. 22)  
ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 20  
Article 19(2)(a) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. To qualify for Community aid, the projects referred to in paragraph 1 must:

(a) relate to fishing vessels measuring more than 12 metres in length between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, have been in operation for more than five years, belong to natural or legal persons in the Community, fly the flag of a Member State and are registered at a port located in the Community;

2. To qualify for Community aid, the projects referred to in paragraph 1 must:

(a) relate to fishing vessels measuring more than 12 metres in length between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, belong to natural or legal persons in the Community, fly the flag of a Member State and are registered at a port located in the Community;

The right to financial aid shall not be forfeited where the laws of a third country require temporary or provisional registration in that country before joint ventures may be set up.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 23)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 22

Article 21b(2) and (3) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. To qualify for financial aid, the joint enterprise projects must relate to vessels of length measuring more than 12 metres between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, have been in operation for more than five years, fly the flag of a Member State, are registered in a Community port and are to be transferred definitively to the third country concerned under the joint enterprise.
2. To qualify for financial aid, the joint enterprise projects must relate to vessels of length measuring more than 12 metres between perpendiculars, which are technically suited to the fishing operations planned, have been in operation for more than five years, fly the flag of a Member State, are registered in a Community port and included in the Community register of fishing vessels, and are to be transferred definitively to the third country concerned under the joint enterprise. The requirement that vessels must have been in operation for more than five years shall not, however, apply to vessels registered in a Community port on 1 January 1991.
3. Community financial aid granted for a joint enterprise project may not be drawn cumulatively with Community aid of the same type granted under the common fisheries policy.
3. Community financial aid granted for a joint enterprise project may not be drawn cumulatively with Community aid of the same type granted under the common fisheries policy, although the contributions from Member States to the Community financial aid specified in Annex VII may be accumulated.



Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 24)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 22

Article 21c(2) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. The financial aid may consist of:
2. At the choice of the applicant shipowner, the financial aid may consist of:

(Amendment No. 25)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 22

Article 21d(2) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. Within three months of the submission of a project, the Commission shall decide whether to grant the aid referred to in Article 21c. This decision shall be notified to the beneficiaries and to the Member State(s) concerned. The other Member States shall be informed accordingly within the committee.
2. Within two months of the submission of a project, the Commission shall decide whether to grant the aid referred to in Article 21c. This decision shall be notified to the beneficiaries and to the Member State(s) concerned. The other Member States shall be informed accordingly within the committee.

(Amendment No. 26)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 22

Article 21d, paragraph 3 (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

3. For each project qualifying for the financial aid referred to in Article 21b, the beneficiary or beneficiaries shall forward to the Commission and to the Member State(s) concerned a periodic report on the activities of the joint enterprise. Once a year within the Committee, the Commission shall present a general report on the implementation of the projects qualifying for financial aid.
3. For each project qualifying for the financial aid referred to in Article 21b, the beneficiary or beneficiaries shall forward to the Commission and to the Member State(s) concerned a periodic report on the fishing activities of the joint enterprise. Once a year within the Committee, the Commission shall present a general report on the implementation of the projects qualifying for financial aid.

(Amendment No. 27)  
ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 22  
Article 21d(4a)(new) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

a. The Commission, in association with the national authorities of the Member States, shall adopt the necessary provisions to ensure that aid is in fact received by the beneficiaries within a maximum period of three months from the date on which a final decision was taken to grant it, or on which the required supporting documents were submitted.

(Amendment No. 28)  
ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 23  
Article 24(1)(b) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

(b) the definitive transfer of the vessel concerned to a third country, insofar as this transfer is not liable to undermine international conservation regulations and the management of fishery resources;  
or

(b) the definitive transfer of the vessel concerned to a third country,

(Amendment No. 29)  
ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 25a (new)  
Article 26(4) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

4. The eligibility of expenditure on the granting of final cessation premiums shall be subject to the limits shown in Annex V.

4. The eligibility of expenditure on the granting of final cessation premiums shall be subject to the limits shown in Annex V.

The premium for scrapping shall always be at least double the amount of the premium for definitive transfer to a third country or assignment to purposes other than fishing.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 30)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 29

Article 29(1) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

1. The Commission may grant Community financial aid for projects to promote the consumption of fishery products derived from surplus or underfished species, and for aquaculture products which, by virtue of their rapid growth, pose problems of disposal on the Community market.

1. The Commission shall grant Community financial aid for approved projects to promote the consumption of fresh or processed fishery products derived from surplus or underfished species, and for products derived from aquaculture which, by virtue of their rapid growth, pose problems of disposal on the Community market.

(Amendment No. 31)

ARTICLE 1 SOLE PARAGRAPH POINT 30

Article 40(2) (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

2. The estimated sums required for implementation of the measure provided for in this Regulation shall be determined by the budget authority in respect of each budget year within the framework of financial estimates in force.

2. The estimated sum required for implementation of the measure provided for in this Regulation is 600 million ECU for the period between 1 January 1991 and 31 December 1992. The appropriations required for implementation of the measures shall in any case be determined by the budget authority in respect of each budget year within the framework of financial estimates in force.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 32)

Annex Ia

Information to be included in zonal plans

Replace Annex Ia with the following:

- Definition of zones covered by zonal plans.
- Review of measures taken over the previous 3 to 5 years and description of current situation of small-scale fisheries in the Member State concerned, through:
  - (a) description of overall fishing capacity of small-scale fisheries sector,
  - (b) description of overall fishing capacity of small-scale fishing vessels covered by the plan,
  - (c) survey and assessment of fleets operating in zones covered by the plan,
  - (d) estimate of available fish stocks in the zone.
- Definition of needs and measures and means to be employed, through:
  - (a) description of strengths and weaknesses of small boat fleet,
  - (b) estimate of optimum fishing capacity of fleet covered by the plan in the zones concerned (capacity objectives),
  - (c) estimate of number of vessels to be modernized, converted and rebuilt,
  - (d) estimate of technical, legal and administrative measures and financial resources provided for implementation of plan.
- Links between the zonal plan and multiannual guidance programmes, and with specific programmes provided for by Regulation (EEC) No. 4042/89.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 32) (continued)

- Consistent with the Community support frameworks.
- Estimate of the resulting fishing effort taking into account the new and modernized capacity and the capacity to be withdrawn.

(Amendment No. 33)

Paragraph 1 of Annex II (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

**COMMUNITY AID AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING, RENEWAL AND MODERNIZATION OF THE FISHING FLEET**

1. Vessels measuring 9 metres or less in length between perpendiculars or 12 metres or less in the case of vessels capable of trawling:

REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES	REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES
Greece, Andalusia, Canaries, Galicia, West of Scotland <sup>(1)</sup> , arrondissement of Guimber and Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	40 %	between 10 and 30%	Greece, Andalusia, Canaries, Galicia, <del>Cataluña and Melilla,</del> West of Scotland <sup>(1)</sup> , arrondissement of Guimber and Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	40 %	between 10 and 30%
OTHER REGIONS	25 %	between 10 and 30%	OTHER REGIONS	25 %	between 10 and 30%

(Amendment No. 34)

Paragraph 2 of Annex II (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

**COMMUNITY AID AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES FOR THE RESTRUCTURING, RENEWAL AND MODERNIZATION OF THE FISHING FLEET**

2. Vessels measuring over 9 metres in length between perpendiculars or over 12 metres in the case of vessels capable of trawling but not more than 33 metres.

REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES
Greece, Andalusia, Canaries, Galicia, West of Scotland(1), arrondissement of Quimper and Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	35 %	between 10 and 30%
OTHER REGIONS	20 %	between 10 and 30%

REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES
Greece, Andalusia, Canaries, Galicia, West of Scotland(1), arrondissement of Quimper and Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	35 %	between 10 and 30%
OTHER REGIONS	20 %	between 10 and 30%

(Amendment No. 35)

Paragraph 3 of Annex II (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

**COMMUNITY AID AND FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES FOR THE  
RESTRUCTURING, RENEWAL AND MODERNIZATION OF THE FISHING FLEET**

**3. Vessels measuring over 33 metres in length between perpendiculars:**

REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES
Andalusia, Canary Islands, West of Scotland <sup>(1)</sup> , Arrondissement of Quimper and Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	25 %	between 10 and 30%
OTHER REGIONS	10 %	between 10 and 30%

REGIONS	COMMUNITY AID	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION FROM MEMBER STATES
Greece, Andalusia, Canary Islands, Galicia, La Rioja and Melilla, West of Scotland <sup>1</sup> , North East of Scotland <sup>2</sup> , Arrondissement of Quimper, Lorient, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Mezzogiorno, Portugal, the French Overseas Departments and Veneto	25 %	between 10 and 30%
OTHER REGIONS	10 %	between 10 and 30%

New Footnote:

(2) The 'North East of Scotland' means the coastal districts of Grampian Region together with the district of Angus

(Amendment No. 36)  
Annex IV (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

ANNEX IV  
SCALE OF LAYING-UP PREMIUMS

TONNAGE OF VESSEL (in gross registered tonnes)	MAXIMUM PREMIUM PER VESSEL (ECU/day)	
	VESSELS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD (1)	VESSELS MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD (1)
Less than 25 grt	75	50
of 25 and less than 50 grt	150	100
of 50 and less than 70 grt	200	150
of 70 and less than 100 grt	300	250
of 100 and less than 200 grt	600	400
of 200 and less than 300 grt	950	700
of 300 and less than 500 grt	1 200	1 000
of 500 and less than 1000 grt	1 500	1 300
of 1000 and less than 1500grt	2 000	1 700
of 1500 and less than 2000grt	2 400	2 100
of 2000 and less than 2500grt	2 700	2 300
of 2500 and less than 3000grt	3 100	2 600
of 3000 grt and over	3 500	3 000

ANNEX IV  
SCALE OF LAYING-UP PREMIUMS

TONNAGE OF VESSEL (in gross registered tonnes)	MAXIMUM PREMIUM PER VESSEL (ECU/day)	
	VESSELS LESS THAN 10 YEARS OLD (1)	VESSELS MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD (1)
Less than 25 grt	90	60
of 25 and less than 50 grt	180	120
of 50 and less than 70 grt	240	180
of 70 and less than 100 grt	360	300
of 100 and less than 200 grt	720	480
of 200 and less than 300 grt	1.140	840
of 300 and less than 500 grt	1 440	1 200
of 500 and less than 1000 grt	1 800	1 560
of 1000 and less than 1500grt	2 400	2 040
of 1500 and less than 2000grt	2 880	2 520
of 2000 and less than 2500grt	3 240	2 760
of 2500 and less than 3000grt	3 720	3 120
of 3000 grt and over	4 200	3 600

(1) The age of the vessel is decided from the introduction of the application to the competent national fishing authority.

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(Amendment No. 37)  
Part 1 of paragraph B of Annex V (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

A. VESSELS MEASURING OVER 9 METRES IN LENGTH BETWEEN PERPENDICULARS OR OVER 12 METRES IN THE CASE OF VESSELS CAPABLE OF TRAWLING.

1. Vessels of a tonnage of less than 100 gross-registered tonnes:  
The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 2 400/grt + ECU 30 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 4 000/grt + ECU 50 000	ECU 2 000/grt + ECU 25 000
Over 20 years	ECU 3 000/grt + ECU 37 500	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 20 000

B. VESSELS MEASURING OVER 9 METRES IN LENGTH BETWEEN PERPENDICULARS OR OVER 12 METRES IN THE CASE OF VESSELS CAPABLE OF TRAWLING.

1. Vessels of a tonnage of less than 100 gross-registered tonnes:  
The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 2 400/grt + ECU 30 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 4 000/grt + ECU 50 000	ECU 2 000/grt + ECU 25 000
Over 20 years	ECU 3 200/grt + ECU 40 000	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 20 000



(Amendment No. 38)  
Part 2 of paragraph B of Annex V (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

i. Vessels of a tonnage equal to or higher than 100 gross registered tonnes but lower than 400 gross registered tonnes:

The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 1 200/grt + ECU 150 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 2 000/grt + ECU 250 000	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 125 000
Over 20 years	ECU 1 500/grt + ECU 187 500	ECU 800/grt + ECU 100 000

ii. Vessels of a tonnage equal to or higher than 100 gross registered tonnes but lower than 400 gross registered tonnes:

The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 1 200/grt + ECU 150 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 2 000/grt + ECU 250 000	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 125 000
Over 20 years	ECU 1 500/grt + ECU 200 000	ECU 800/grt + ECU 100 000

(Amendment No. 39)  
Part 3 of Paragraph B of Annex V (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

i. Vessels of a tonnage equal to or higher than 400 gross registered tonnes but lower than 3 500 gross registered tonnes:

The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 600/grt + ECU 300 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 650 000	ECU 500/grt + ECU 325 000
Over 20 years	ECU 750/grt + ECU 487 500	ECU 400/grt + ECU 260 000

ii. Vessels of a tonnage equal to or higher than 400 gross registered tonnes but lower than 2 500 gross registered tonnes:

The eligible amount is limited, per vessel, to:

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 600/grt + ECU 300 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 1 000/grt + ECU 650 000	ECU 500/grt + ECU 325 000
Over 20 years	ECU 600/grt + ECU 520 000	ECU 400/grt + ECU 260 000

(Amendment No. 40)

Part 4 of paragraph B of Annex V (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

IV. Vessels of a tonnage equal to or higher than 3 500 gross registered tonnes:

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AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 480/grt + ECU 810 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 800/grt + ECU 1 350 000	ECU 400/grt + ECU 675 000
Over 20 years	ECU 600/grt + ECU 1 012 500	ECU 320/grt + ECU 540 000

AGE OF VESSEL (1)	VESSEL DUE TO BE SCRAPPED	VESSEL INTENDED FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN FISHING OR DEFINITIVELY TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD COUNTRY
10 years or less		ECU 480/grt + ECU 810 000
Over 10 years but not more than 20 years	ECU 800/grt + ECU 1 350 000	ECU 400/grt + ECU 675 000
Over 20 years	ECU 640 grt + ECU 1 000 000	ECU 320/grt + ECU 540 000

(Amendment No. 41)

Paragraph 1 of Annex VI (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

**Community aid and Financial Contributions from Member States for Port Facilities**

1. Mezzogiorno, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Greece, arrondissements of Quimper and Lorient, Portugal, French Overseas Departments, Galicia, the provinces of Grenada and Huelva and Veneto

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(1) The 'West of Scotland' means Dumfries and Galloway, the Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland together with the districts of Caithness, Sutherland, Ross and Cromarty, Skye and Lochalsh, Lochaber, Argyll and Bute, Cunninghame Kyle and Carrick.

Commission text

Amendments

(Amendment No. 42)  
Annex VII (Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86)

Delete one word in the title

MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY AID FOR JOINT ENTERPRISES

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GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE OF VESSEL (Gross registered tonnage)	AGE OF VESSEL (1)	MAXIMUM AMOUNT PER VESSEL	CATEGORY OF VESSEL (Gross registered tonnage)	AGE OF VESSEL (1)	MAXIMUM AMOUNT PER VESSEL
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**DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION**

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament  
on the Commission proposal for a Council regulation amending  
Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 on Community measures to  
improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors

**The European Parliament,**

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(90) 358 final)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (C3-0306/90),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A3-0320/90),
1. Approves the Commission proposal subject to Parliament's amendments and in accordance with the vote thereon;
  2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the text approved by Parliament;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 243, 28.9.1990, p.6

EXPLANATORY STATEMENTI. INTRODUCTION

The Council first decided to embark on a structural policy for adjusting capacity and improving productivity in the fisheries sector on the basis of its resolution of 25 January 1983<sup>2</sup>. In October 1983 the Council adopted Regulations (EEC) Nos. 2908/83 and 2909/83 and Directive 83/515/EEC<sup>3</sup> laying down the structural policy in the fisheries sector.

Up to the creation of this structural policy the Community had financed individual projects, especially projects aimed at regions facing particular development problems. Since 1983 structural policy has been based on the following elements:

1. the concept of multiannual guidance programmes as a necessary framework for the implementation of projects, designed to give greater coherence to individual projects and help ensure that the objectives envisaged in the structural policy might be attained.
2. the projects covered by the programme involve:
  - (a) the purchase or construction of new fishing vessels and the modernization or conversion of operational vessels,
  - (b) the construction, equipment or modernization of installations for the rearing of fish, crustaceans or molluscs,
  - (c) the construction of artificial structures to facilitate the restocking of Mediterranean coastal areas;
3. the restriction of EAGGF Guidance Section aid for projects listed in paragraph 2(a) above to vessels between nine and 33 metres in length;
4. the creation of a scheme to promote exploratory fishing and cooperation in the fisheries sector through joint ventures:
  - (a) exploratory fishing voyages are defined as voyages aimed at:
    - catching and marketing certain species previously underfished or prospecting special areas (up to 200 nautical miles off the coasts of Member States),
    - in respect of other areas, catching and marketing specie which have not traditionally been fished by vessels flying the flag of a Member State or prospecting new fishing grounds,

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<sup>2</sup>OJ No. C 28, 3.3.1983

<sup>3</sup>OJ No. L 290, 22.10.1983

- (b) joint fishing ventures are defined as ventures set up in the form of contractual associations or companies with share capital, between natural or legal persons from the Community and natural or legal persons from a third country on the Mediterranean or West African coast, for the purpose of jointly exploiting the fishing resources of that country;

5. the creation of a system of financial aid for:

- (a) measures relating to the temporary reduction of production capacity carried out by means of the temporary laying-up of vessels which are 18 metres or more in length and which were commissioned after 1 January 1958,
- (b) measures relating to the permanent reduction of production capacity, covering vessels which are 12 metres or more in length and carried out by means of scrapping, definitive transfer to a third country or, in Community waters, assignment to purposes other than fishing.

The anticipated cost to the Community budget of these measures was as follows:

(a) exploratory fishing	11 m ECU
(b) joint ventures	7 m ECU
(c) temporary reduction	60 m ECU
(d) permanent reduction	46 m ECU
(e) conversion, modernization and aquaculture	230 m ECU
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TOTAL	354 m ECU

The incorporation of Spain and Portugal has made the Community one of the 'superpowers' of world fisheries, alongside Japan and the USSR. This was one of the main reasons for the revision of existing legislation, which culminated in the adoption, on 31 December 1986, of Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, on which Parliament delivered an opinion in the Battersby report<sup>4</sup>.

The measures envisaged in Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86 are as follows:

- (a) the restructuring, renewal and modernization of the fishing fleet, relating to vessels measuring not less than 9 metres in length, or 12 metres in the case of trawlers (efforts to bring about the withdrawal of the 33 metre limit proposed by the Commission were successful);
- (b) the development of aquaculture through investment in the construction, equipment, modernization or extension of installations, measures to protect and make fuller use of coastal marine areas by installing, not deeper than the 50 metre isobath, fixed or movable structures for the delimitation of protected areas and for the protection or development of fishery resources;

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<sup>4</sup>Doc. A2-40/86, OJ no. C 148, 16.6.1986

(c) the promotion of exploratory fishing, defined as a fishing operation carried out for commercial purposes in a given area with a view to assessing the profitability of regular, long-term exploitation of the fishery resources in that area (covering vessels measuring 18 metres or more in length);

(d) the promotion of joint ventures. The amount of the planned cooperation premium is 40 ECU/grt per period of three consecutive months. Payment of the premium is conditional on the payment of an identical premium by the Member State concerned;

(e) the adjustment of capacities. Provision is made for a premium for the laying-up or permanent withdrawal of certain fishing vessels. Temporary withdrawal is envisaged for vessels measuring 18 metres or more in length, premiums being fixed in Annex IV on the basis of the vessel's tonnage and the number of additional days laid up. Permanent withdrawal is carried out through scrapping, definitive transfer to a third country or the definitive assignment of the vessel to purposes other than fishing in Community waters, the premium being granted to Community vessels measuring 12 metres or more in length and fixed at a standard rate on the basis of the vessel's tonnage;

(f) facilities at fishing ports;

(g) market research: the Commission may grant financial aid for projects to promote the consumption of fish products derived from surplus or underfished species.

The Regulation was to remain in force for a period of ten years from 1 January 1987. The total funding earmarked for the period from 1987 to 1991 amounts to 800 m ECU, being increased by 30 m ECU in the 1991 budget to cover costs arising from German unification.

## II. CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

At the Fisheries Council meeting of 19 December 1989 the Commission undertook to draw up a proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86, paying particular attention to those aspects whose development during the two years of implementation had failed to match up to the desired objectives. It was decided to extend the structural policy to a significant section of the Community fleet - the small-scale fleet - which was not covered hitherto and which was therefore excluded from the Community aid system (save the exceptions provided for in Article 51 of Regulation (EEC) No. 4028/86).

Parliament has already called for the reform of Regulation No. 4028/86 with regard to vessels measuring less than nine metres in length in the Garcia report on small-scale fisheries<sup>5</sup>.

The proposal contains a definition of the small-scale fisheries sector, which is taken to comprise vessels meeting the following conditions:

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<sup>5</sup> Doc. A2-271/88, OJ No. 47, 20.2.1989

- (a) a length of less than nine metres between perpendiculars (extended to 12 metres in the case of vessels capable of trawling);
- (b) an operating range limited to coastal waters within six miles from the baselines;
- (c) a trip time of less than 24 hours;
- (d) a crew of no more than five;
- (e) inclusion in the Community register of fishing vessels.

Provision is made for small-scale fishing vessels in Titles II (aid for construction), III (aid for modernization) and VII (adjustment of capacities). Provision is further made for the drawing-up by the Member States and the approval by the Commission of zonal guidance plans for the small-scale fisheries sector at national level.

With regard to existing measures, the following modifications are proposed:

1. in connection with exploratory fishing, the range of projects eligible for Community financial aid has been modified to exclude waters falling within the jurisdiction of a third country with which the Community has concluded or is negotiating a fisheries agreement, a clause has been added stipulating a maximum duration of 220 days for such voyages (Regulation No. 4028/86 merely laid down a minimum of 60 days), the Commission is to determine periodically guidelines on the objectives to be followed and the amounts of incentive premiums have been increased from 20 to 40% of the eligible cost;
2. joint ventures: the cooperation premium has been increased to make small boats eligible for aid, the minimum length between perpendiculars is set at 12 metres and fishing operations must last a minimum of one year;
3. adjustment of capacities: aid towards permanent cessation premiums has been increased: the Community will reimburse 50% of the eligible cost and 70% in the case of scrapping.

The following new measures are proposed:

1. redeployment operations, meaning any fishing operation carried out for commercial purposes in a given area with a view to the exploitation of fishery resources, primary consideration being given to the supply of the Community market. Financial aid will be granted to operations carried out in waters falling within the jurisdiction of a third country with which the Community maintains relations (but has not concluded a fisheries agreement) or in waters falling within the jurisdiction of a Member State, provided that the operations concerned do not involve the catching of species subject to a quota. The duration of voyages is the same as for exploratory fishing, vessels must measure at least 12 metres in length and operations must take account of the aims periodically laid down by the Commission;
2. joint enterprises. This measure is designed to facilitate the setting-up of companies between Community shipowners and one or more partners from a third country for the purpose of exploiting the fishery resources in waters falling within the jurisdiction of third countries. To qualify for the planned aid, vessels must measure more than 12 metres in length, be registered



in a Community port, fly the flag of a Member State and have been in operation for more than five years. Financial aid may consist of a capital subsidy, a reduction in the rate of interest charged on loans and/or a capital contribution towards the formation of guarantee funds for loans contracted for the implementation of the joint enterprise in question. Payment of the Community aid is conditional on payment by the Member State of a premium representing between 20 and 50% of the Community contribution.

### III. ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPOSAL

The rapporteur of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development,

1. Takes a favourable view of the proposal submitted by the Commission, in particular as regards the inclusion of small-scale fishing and the incorporation of new elements such as joint enterprises and redeployment operations into the structural policy for the fisheries sector;
2. Expresses concern at the lack of clarity regarding the necessary financial cover for the planned aid, which will be left to the annual budget discussions instead of being included in the budgetary framework of the financial perspective as ought to be the case, especially in view of the latter's imminent revision;
3. Is concerned at the Commission's failure to give even a general indication in its proposal of the additional budgetary requirements arising from the new measures up to 1996, particularly since the original Article 40(2) of Regulation No. 4028/86 refers to an estimated expenditure for the period from 1987 to 1991 of 800 m ECU; considers that an assessment of the proposal's financial impact should be drawn up, without prejudice to the budgetary authority's right to fix the necessary appropriations;
4. Regrets that the accompanying statement of the proposal's impact on competitiveness and employment is formulized and devoid of content, thus hindering a rational assessment of the proposal's repercussions even though the statement itself highlights 'the potential effects of the measures on employment' and the need to take appropriate action;
5. Takes a very positive view of the planned aid for the creation of joint enterprises but points out that such aid must not be the primary and priority objective of the common fisheries policy but a secondary and complementary measure, and that it is therefore important not to lose sight of the need to renew existing and conclude new fisheries agreements with third countries as a basic means of enabling the Community fishing fleet to survive;
6. Considers that, as the regulation evolves, tariff incentives should be granted for fishery products from vessels belonging to joint enterprises, at least in the case of species not caught by the Community fleet in sufficient quantities to supply processors, since it would be absurd to refuse such incentives to joint enterprises while at the same time fixing independent tariff quotas each year to supply industry with fishery products originating in third countries, without gaining anything in return;

7. Reminds the Commission, in connection with paragraph 5, of the serious problems facing the Community freezer fishing fleet and the need to speed up the conclusion of fisheries agreements with countries such as Namibia, Argentina and Chile;
8. Considers the aid specified in the annexes to be insufficient, particularly in the case of laying-up premiums, which have not been modified since their introduction;
9. Expresses concern at the fact that the proposed reform makes no provision for the role of producers' organizations; considers that developing the common fisheries policy requires producers' organizations to be strengthened with regard not only to policy on markets but also to structural policy and policy on resources, and that in future they should be given a more relevant role in the drawing-up of multiannual guidance and zonal plans, as well as in the management of the planned aid;
10. Expresses concern at the lengthy delays in both the aid procedure at Community level and the subsequent payment of aid to the final beneficiaries, and expresses the wish that new mechanisms be speedily set up, in cooperation with the Member States, to ensure that the lapse of time before aid is paid out is reduced, particularly in view of the manifold financial difficulties confronting the sector;
11. Considers that the age of Community vessels should not constitute a criterion for determining their eligibility for aid, given the situation in the Community freezer fleet, where financial problems are more acute in the case of newly built vessels on which loans are still being repaid, with the result that such vessels are more in need of the joint enterprise scheme than older vessels on which loans have already been repaid and which do not therefore pose a financial burden;
12. Expresses concern at the proposed limits by which the small-scale fleet is to be defined and which should be made considerably more flexible, without prejudice to the power of the Member States to make adjustments when drawing up their respective zonal plans.

Motion for a resolution (B3-0885/90) by Mr BANDRES MOLET, pursuant to Rule 63 of the Rules of Procedure, on fishing activities

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Community frozen fish industry, especially that based in Galicia and the Basque Country, needs appropriate measures to be taken to maintain the level of employment in the fishery sector,
1. Calls on the Commission to draw up a new plan for the development of fisheries in distant seas, laying down the limits of present and alternative fishing-grounds and the preservation of fish reserves and species and entering into the appropriate negotiations with sovereign countries on the zones to be fished;
  2. Calls on the Commission to advocate the amending of Community legislation in order to facilitate correct application of the mechanisms governing the sector, and to offer greater safeguards for frozen fishery products;
  3. Calls on the Commission to introduce Community aid for the development of the storage and processing of frozen fish;
  4. Calls on the Commission to promote the commercial expansion of frozen fish products by organizing campaigns to encourage their consumption;
  5. Requests that the Commission should promote support measures and incentives to extend cover of the social costs which may arise from the restructuring of the frozen fish sector;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from Thomas von der VRING, chairman of the Committee on Budgets, to Juan Luis COLINO SALAMANCA, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development

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Brussels, 8 November 1990

Subject: Opinion of the Committee on Budgets on a proposal for a Council regulation on Community measures to improve and adapt structures in the fisheries and aquaculture sector  
(COM(90) 358 final - C3-0306/90)

Dear Mr Colino Salamanca,

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

After examining its substance and financial implications, the committee decided to deliver a favourable opinion on this proposal.

(closing formula and signature)

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