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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the proposal from the Commission of the  
European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-165/84 -  
COM(84) 73 final) for a directive amending Directive  
81/363/EEC on aid to shipbuilding

Rapporteur: Mr J. MOREAU

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By letter of 9 April 1984 the Council of the European Communities optionally requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 81/363/EEC of 28 April 1981 on aid to shipbuilding.

The proposal was referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs which appointed its chairman, Mr J. P. Moreau, rapporteur at its meeting of 21 and 22 March 1984.

The committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meeting of 25 and 26 April 1984 and decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal with the following amendments.

The committee then unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following took part in the vote: Mr J. Moreau, chairman and rapporteur; Mr Macario, vice-chairman; Mr von Bismarck, Mr Delorozoy, Mr Marchesin (deputizing for Mrs Desouches), Mr Moreland (deputizing for Miss Forster), Mr Papantoniou, Mr Rogalla (deputizing for Mr Schinzel), Mr Welsh and Mr von Wogau.

The explanatory statement will be submitted orally in plenary sitting.

This report was tabled on 3 May 1984.

The deadline for the tabling of amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments to the Commission's proposal and motion for a resolution.

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 81/363/EEC on aid to shipbuilding

Amendments tabled by the Committee  
on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Text proposed by the Commission of the  
European Communities

Preamble unchanged

After the ninth recital, add the  
following new recital

Whereas, however, capacity has been drastically reduced and it is essential to implement an overall policy to maintain and safeguard the Community's shipbuilding industry that will comply with limitation undertakings and the need to reorganize sea transport by abolishing flags of convenience and complying with international standards.

Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission to the Council for a Directive amending Directive 81/363/EEC of 28 April 1981 on aid to shipbuilding

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(84) 73 final)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been optionally consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-165/84),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 1-231/84),
  - having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal
1. Recalls the resolutions adopted by the European Parliament in connection with opinions<sup>2</sup> on the Fifth Directive (81/363/EEC) of 28 April 1981<sup>3</sup> and amendments thereto (82/880/EEC)<sup>4</sup> and the requests made therein, some of which are still valid; also refers to the opinion<sup>5</sup> delivered in connection with adoption of the report<sup>6</sup> on the shipbuilding industry in the Community and in particular:
- the need for greater transparency in the systems of aid granted by the Member States and greater uniformity in the amounts of such aid;
  - specific proposals to implement the 'scrap and build' programme drawn up by the Commission in 1979<sup>7</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. C 28, 9.2.1981, p. 35, and OJ No. C 13, 17.1.1983, p. 243

<sup>3</sup> OJ No. L 137, 23.5.1981, p. 39

<sup>4</sup> OJ No. L 371, 30.12.1982, p. 46

<sup>5</sup> Opinion of 29 March 1984 (not yet published in the OJ)

<sup>6</sup> Doc. 1-1492/83

<sup>7</sup> COM(84) 446 final - Communication to the Council

- the introduction of a Community policy to encourage Community shipowners to place more orders with shipyards in the Member States;
  - the abolition of flags of convenience and compliance with international standards;
2. Draws attention to the far-reaching consequences of the industrial restructuring policy and the considerable cut-backs in production, which fell by 51% in the period from 1976 to 1982;
  3. Is concerned by the social consequences of the cuts (in the period 1976-1982 the number of jobs was reduced by 43%, the equivalent of 87,000 jobs) and therefore agrees with the Commission that the Member States should take greater account of the need to create alternative industries at regional level in order to create jobs;
  4. Believes that the current crisis can be overcome only by implementing a long-term policy whose objective must continue to be a shipbuilding industry that can compete with the most efficient rivals outside the Community; points out that state aid must be reduced to a level that is acceptable from the point of view of the budget and in keeping with the Community's rules of competition. To this end, aid granted by the Member States must be monitored by the Commission;
  5. Lastly, points out that in return for a two-year moratorium on degressive aid restructuring measures involving significant further reductions must be implemented;
  6. Approves the proposal for a directive subject to these comments.
  7. Instructs its President to forward, as Parliament's opinion, the text of the Commission's proposal, as voted by Parliament, together with the corresponding resolution, to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.

