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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by Mr PRESCOTT, Mr SCHMIDT, Mr LABAN, Mr ESPERSEN and Mr CONCAS on behalf of the Socialist Group to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Extension of Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles

The latest session of the United Nations Law of the Sea Conference has just ended without agreement on an international convention. Some states (including Iceland, Norway, the United States and Canada) intend to extend unilaterally their fishing zones to 200 miles by early 1977. The consequences of this will be severely detrimental to the fishing industries of the Community if the Community States fail to extend their fishing zones to 200 miles. The Council has already agreed such an extension in principle. It is now vital for Member States of the Community to take immediate action.

The Council is accordingly asked :

1. What is its view of the current state of progress in the Law of the Sea Conference ?
2. When will it reach final agreement on an extension of the Community Member States' fishing zones to 200 miles, and when will the extension take place ?

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