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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GATTO, Mr DE PASQUALE, Mr GAUTIER,  
Mr PAPAPIETRO, Mr ARFE', Mrs PERY, Mr VGENOPOULOS,  
Mr WETTIG, Mr VITALE, Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr LEZZI,  
Mr RUFFOLO, Mr RIPA DI MEANA, Mr WOLTJER, Mr DIDO',  
Mrs FUILLET, Mr SABY, Mr CAROSSINO, Mr CARDIA,  
Mr D'ANGELOSANTE and Mr EYRAUD

with request for urgent debate pursuant to  
Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the MEDITERRANEAN FISHING AGREEMENTS

PE 81.621  
Or It

The European Parliament,

- A. deeply disturbed by the persistence of severe tensions in the Mediterranean due to the failure to define fishing agreements, in particular with Tunisia,
  - B. noting that since 19 June 1979, the date on which the fishing agreement with the Republic of Tunisia expired, some 65 Italian fishing vessels have been seized and fines of hundreds of millions of lire paid to obtain their release,
  - C. having regard to the resulting extremely serious economic prejudice to a region such as Sicily which is already highly disadvantaged,
  - D. noting with anxiety that the working conditions of Sicilian fishermen from Mazara del Vallo have now reached an intolerable level of insecurity and risk,
  - E. noting that the fishing fleet from Mazara del Vallo has now been blocked for one month and that the whole population is in a state of fear and agitation,
  - F. reiterating its own repeated advocacy of a rapid solution to the problem of the Mediterranean fishing zones in order to consolidate relations of understanding and cooperation with all the riparian countries<sup>1</sup>,
1. Calls upon the Commission and Council:
    - (a) to immediately conclude fishing agreements with Tunisia, Libya and Malta;
    - (b) to include discussion of the definition of fishing grounds in the negotiation of the cooperation agreements with these countries and hence in the corresponding financial protocols;
    - (c) to take steps to ensure the necessary vigilance in these fishery areas so as to guarantee the safety of fishermen and impose stringent sanctions on any illicit fishing activities;
    - (d) to define an overall fisheries and maritime policy for the Mediterranean including measures for the proper management of marine resources, for the replenishment of fish stocks and respect for the environmental conditions of this particular sea;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution of 27 September 1979 on the Italo-Tunisian fisheries agreement, OJ C 266, 22.10.1979, p. 45;  
Resolution of 21 November 1980 on Mediterranean fisheries, OJ C 327, 15.2.1980, p. 94