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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BATTERSBY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the right of access to fishing grounds and the
management of fishery resources in the Mediterranean

PE 87.364

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the decision of the Council of Ministers of 25 January 1983 and to the relevant implementing regulations,
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament of 9 February 1983 (1),
- A. whereas the problems affecting fishing in the Mediterranean are of a specific kind,
 - B. whereas there is at the moment no comprehensive policy for the management of resources in the Mediterranean,
 - C. whereas the Community 200-mile exclusive economic zone does not apply to the Mediterranean,
 - D. whereas certain Mediterranean states are considering extending the limit of their territorial waters in the Mediterranean to 12 miles,
1. Reaffirms the points made in a previous resolution on the specific nature of the problems affecting the Mediterranean (1);
 2. Considers that in its present form Regulation 170/83 is not fully applicable to the Mediterranean since there is no 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone applicable to this sea;
 3. Considers that there is an urgent need to settle the problems of right of access and resources management in the Mediterranean;
 4. Calls on the Commission, therefore, to draw up as soon as possible a resources management programme which includes appropriate right of access criteria and which takes account of the specific problems of the Mediterranean;
 5. Considers that in the Mediterranean the management of resources should go through the application of technical conservation measures;
 6. Calls on the Commission to organize, in cooperation with the FAO General Fisheries Council for the Mediterranean, an international conference of all Mediterranean coastal countries with the aim of establishing a common resources management policy;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council and to the competent ministers of all the countries bordering on the Mediterranean.

(1) Report by Mr Gautier, Doc. 1-949/82