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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DAVERN and Mrs EWING on behalf of the Group  
of European Progressive Democrats

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on administrative expansions necessitated by the adoption  
of a Common Fisheries Policy

**LAPSED**

'The European Parliament,

- A. whereas fishermen throughout the Community are relieved that the Council finally concluded an agreement upon a Common Fisheries Policy on 25 January 1983; not necessarily because they agreed with the terms of that agreement but rather because it brought to an end ten years of damaging uncertainty in the fishing industry,
- B. whereas many Community fishermen remain highly dissatisfied with the Common Fisheries Policy, notably in :
- NE England and parts of Scotland where fishing fleets have dramatically declined over the past decade,
  - Ireland where fishermen claim that the agreement offers little scope for the long-term and much-needed development of their fishing industry;
  - Orkney and Shetland, where fishermen feel that their regional preference scheme has been greatly undermined by the Council's amendment to the proposed method of boat measurement in the Orkney and Shetland Box,
  - and in other fishing areas, including Denmark, where fishermen claim that they have not obtained adequate quotas to maintain their present fishing capacities,
- C. mindful of the roles played by the Commission and the European Parliament during these highly political negotiations and bearing in mind the constraints - notably in financial resources and in staffing levels - that these institutions were operating under,
- D. recognizing the additional administrative requirements of the Common Fisheries Policy and bearing in mind the new roles the Commission and the European Parliament will have to play in the management of the CFP and in liaison with the fishing industry,
- E. whereas it is now essential to reinforce and consolidate the Common Fisheries Policy by appropriate administrative expansions such as the creation of an independent Fisheries Committee in the European Parliament and an expansion of the Commission's Fisheries Directorate-General (DG XIV) to enable these institutions to effectively accomplish their new duties in the fishing sector,

- F. concerned that the Council has already eroded the proposals for an effective multinational Community inspectorate force by reducing the staffing levels to a token gesture,
- G. gravely concerned that the Council may attempt to block other desirable and even essential expansions in the Community Institutions which have a responsibility to the fishing industry,
1. Urgently calls upon the Council to reinforce and consolidate the Common Fisheries Policy by approving the release of adequate financial resources for administrative expansions in both the European Parliament and the Commission; without which the proper management of the Common Fisheries Policy is impossible;
  2. Emphasizes the importance of improving the Community's ability to liaise with representatives and individuals employed in the Community's fishing industry and suggests in this respect that the Council should look favourably upon requests for additional resources to :
    - a) expand the Commission's Fisheries Directorate General, and
    - b) create an independent Fisheries Committee in the European Parliament;
  3. Urgently instructs its Bureau to make the necessary arrangements for the immediate establishment of a Standing Committee on Fisheries pursuant to Rules 91 and 92 of its Rules of Procedure;
  4. Urgently requests the Council to reconsider its decision on the Community's fisheries inspection force with a view to substantially increasing the number of Community inspectors;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to its Bureau, the Council and the Commission.'