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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GAUTIER, Mr von der VRING,

Mr SEELER, Mrs HERKLOTZ, Mr WOLTJER

and Mr GATTO

on behalf of the Socialist Group

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

on the organization of the market in fishery
products and the fishery negotiations

PE 74.832/rev.

The European Parliament,

- deploring the fact that according to the latest figures more than 100,000 tonnes of fish were brought into intervention and destroyed in 1980,
 - deploring the hasty decision of the Commission to re-open the herring fishery off the North-West coast of Scotland without ensuring that in Member States the herring-processing capacity which had lain idle during the period of the ban was capable of responding quickly to the new demands placed on it. Because of this haste, many tonnes of herring which would otherwise have been used for human consumption were used for fish-meal,
 - deploring the chronic inability of the Council to reach a decision,
 - having regard to the Gautier report on a new organisation of the market in fishery products (Doc. 1-841/80), and in particular paragraph 17 of that report,
 - having regard to the Clinton report on the common fisheries policy (Doc. 1-560/80)
1. Calls on the Council to bring the fishery negotiations to a close as a matter of urgency;
 2. Calls on the Council to amend immediately the organisation of the market in fishery products as requested in the European Parliament's resolution of 13 February 1981¹ in order to put an end to the scandalous destruction of highly valuable foodstuffs;
 3. Hereby gives notice that in the 1982 budgetary procedure it will call for all resources relating to fishery intervention to be transferred to Chapter 100 until such time as the organisation of the market has been amended;
 4. Requests the Commission to inform the Committee on Agriculture of the European Parliament immediately whether large amounts of herring went into intervention and, if so, why;
 5. Calls on the Commission to ensure in the future that adequate and orderly arrangements for marketing and processing exist when fisheries are re-opened after a ban has been in operation;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

¹ OJ No. C 50, 9.3.1981