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Amended proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

establishing a system of compensation for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French Department of Guiana as a result of their very remote location

(presented by the Commission pursuant to Article 189 A (2)
of the EC-Treaty)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Against the background of the Council Decisions setting up programmes of options specific to the remote and insular nature of the outermost regions of the Community¹ (the Portuguese archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira, the Spanish archipelago of the Canary Islands and the French overseas departments of Guadeloupe, Guiana, Martinique and Réunion), the Commission adopted on 3 December 1993 a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a system of compensation for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French department of Guiana² as a result of their very remote location.

The European Parliament, at its April 1994 part-session, adopted a resolution approving the Commission proposal. The resolution contains a number of amendments to be made to the proposal including:

- the insertion before the first recital of a new one referring to the difficulties being experienced by the fishing industry, which are considerably worsened by the transport costs affecting those regions;
- the insertion after the existing second recital of a new one on the success of the action undertaken to date;
- the amendment of Article 5 to include a reference to the application of the arrangements to other species in the context of the periodic report provided for in that provision.

¹ Decisions 89/687/EEC, 91/314/EEC and 91/315/EEC (OJ Nos L 399, 30.12.1989, p. 39; L 171, 29.6.1991, pp. 5 and 10).

² COM (93) 630 final of 3 December 1993.

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The text of the proposal is hereby amended as follows:

Before the first recital a new recital

Having regard to the current difficulties of the European Union's fisheries sector, which are particularly aggravated by the cost of transporting fisheries products to their markets on account of the remoteness and isolation of the outermost regions of the Community;

Second recital a (new)

Having regard to the success of similar initiatives which have already been undertaken;

Article 5

Every three years, commencing on 1 January 1997, the Commission shall present the European Parliament and the Council with a report on the implementation of the measures provided for in this Regulation accompanied, where appropriate, by proposals for any adjustments which might be necessary to achieve the objectives set out in Article 1, in particular the application of the system to other species.

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