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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr SCHMID

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14  
of the Rules of Procedure

on the Community's fisheries policy

PE 70.588

The European Parliament,

- greatly concerned about the future of deep-sea fishing, particularly as regards the Federal Republic of Germany, and the many jobs involved in the fishing fleet, the fish industry, ancillary industries and the fish trade,
  - anticipating that any further delay in Council decisions on the Community's fisheries policy will not only destroy the confidence of those concerned in the Community's ability to take action, but will also lend support to those political forces which believe that the problems will be solved more easily by a return to national decision-making in Europe,
1. Calls on the Council to implement the fisheries agreements with Canada and Norway without delay, and expects the Council to take the necessary decisions on quotas, structural policy and market organization as soon as possible;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENCY

The Council will meet again on 19 January and attempt to reach agreement on the issues still in dispute. All previous attempts - the last in December 1980 - have failed. Fisheries agreements negotiated with Canada and Norway have therefore not come into force; consequently, many European fisheries undertakings have had to completely give up their fishing grounds off the coasts of these countries for the time being.