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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External
Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the
European Communities to the Council (Doc.
114/75) for a regulation on the safeguard
measures provided for in the Agreement between
the European Economic Community and the State
of Israel

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By letter of 23 May 1975 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Associations Committee for its opinion.

On 10 June 1975 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Patijn rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at the same meeting and adopted the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement unanimously with 2 abstentions.

Present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman; Mr Thomsen and Mr Bermani, vice-chairmen; Lord Bethell, Mr Boano, Mr de Koning, Mr Spicer and Mr Vetrone.

The opinion of the Associations Committee will be given orally.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the safeguard measures provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹;
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (doc. 114/75);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Associations Committee (doc. 146/75);
 - having regard to the interim report on the Agreement between the EEC and the State of Israel²,
- approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 129 of 10.6.1975, p. 4

² OJ No. C 128 of 9.6.1975, p. 19

B.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On 11 May 1975, the competent authorities of the European Economic Community and the State of Israel signed a new trade agreement negotiated between the two parties within the framework of the overall Mediterranean policy. This agreement should come into force, in principle, on 1 July 1975.

The European Parliament, in an interim report drawn up by Mr Patijn on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, approved the principle of an agreement of this kind.

Articles 12-16 and 25 of the Agreement contain safeguard clauses and precautionary measures which may be taken in order to deal with any economic difficulties arising between the contracting parties.

The draft regulation submitted to the Committee on External Economic Relations defines the procedure by which the Community arrangements will be applied for implementation of the safeguard clauses.

As the Commission points out in its Explanatory Memorandum, although the form of this draft differs from previous regulations on the implementation of these measures, there are no fundamental changes of substance. Reference is merely made to existing Community arrangements instead of describing the different procedures and mechanisms by which these safeguard measures are decided and implemented.

It is, therefore, a technical measure without political implications.

In consequence, the Committee on External Economic Relations proposes to approve without amendment the proposal submitted to it.