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### Report

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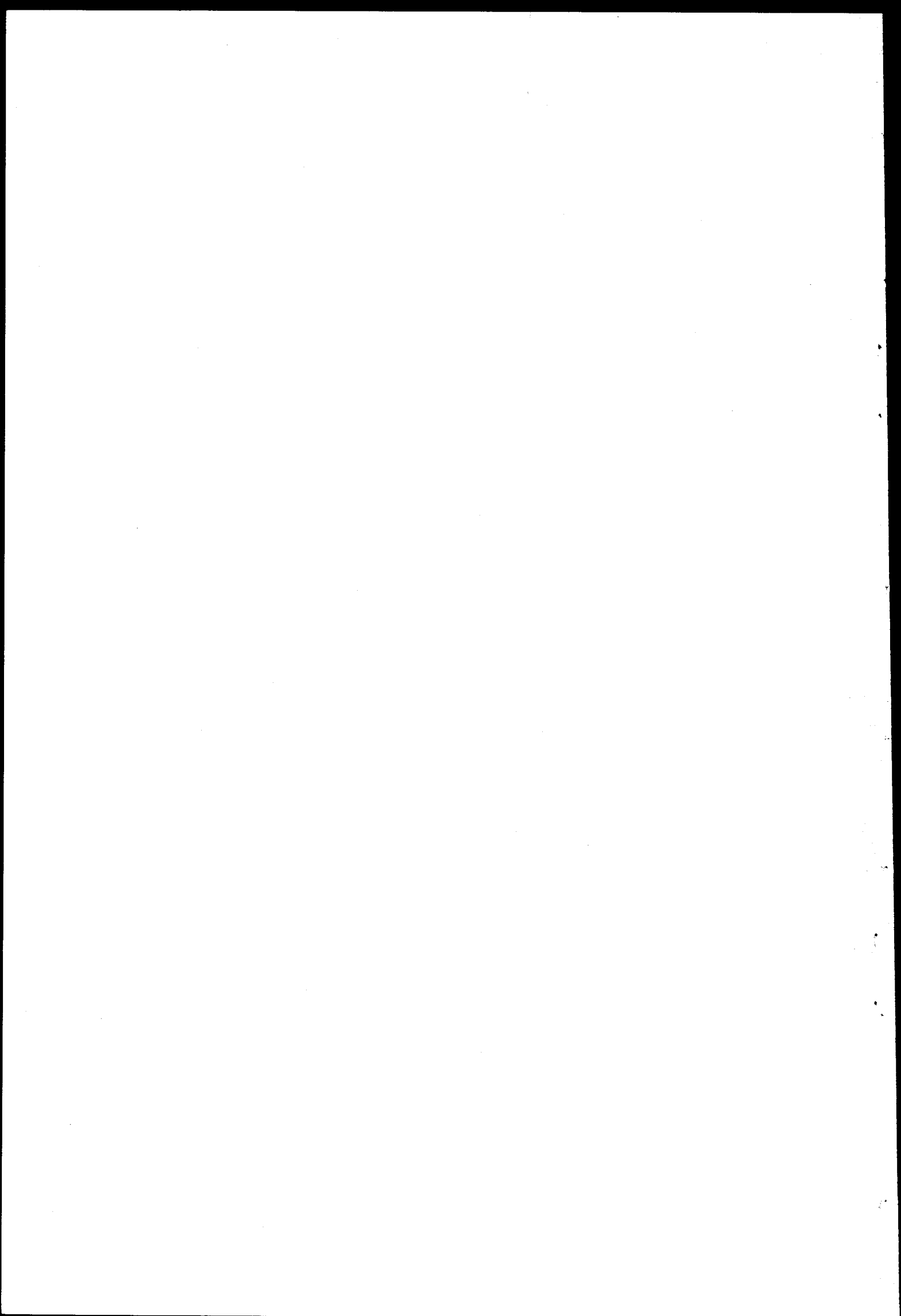
on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (doc. 220/74) for a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a 1975 Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading No. 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg. or less

Rapporteur: Mr. Mario VETRONE

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By letter of 1 August 1974 the President of the Council consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the opening, allocation and administration of a 1975 Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading No. 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less (Doc. 220/74).

By letter of 14 August the Secretary-General referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

The Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Vetrone rapporteur at its meeting of 17 September 1974 and at the same meeting it considered this proposal and unanimously adopted it together with the explanatory statement.

The following were present: Sir Arthur Dodds-Parker, oldest member, acting chairman; Mr Brewis, Mr Corterier, Mr De Clercq, Mr Klepsch, Mr E. Muller, Mr Radoux, Mr Sandri, Mr Thornley, Mr Vandewiele.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture is attached.

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The Committee on External Economic Affairs hereby submits to the European 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 opening, allocation and administration of a 1975 Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less.

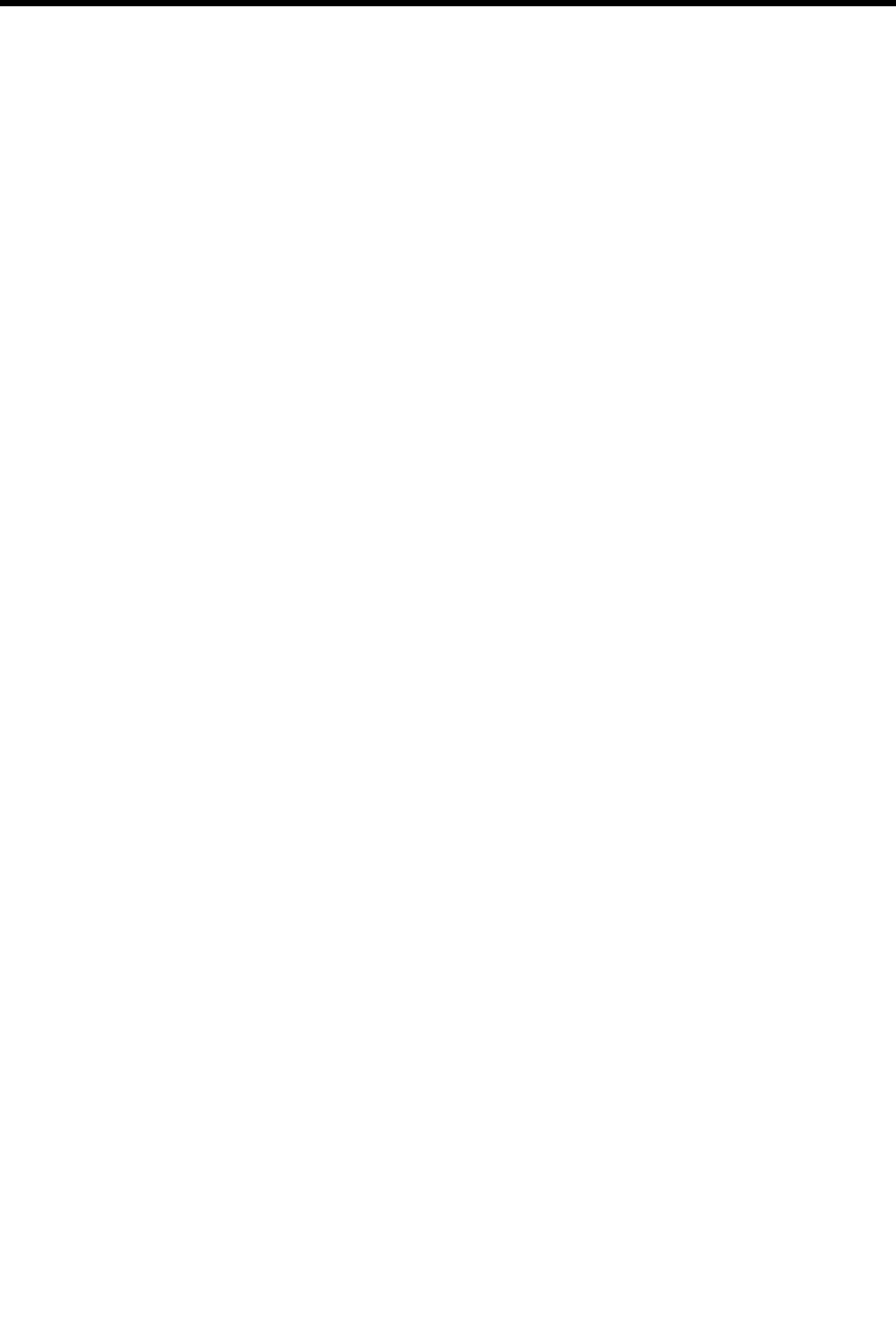
The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council<sup>1</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 220/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture, (Doc. 267/74),

1. Approves the proposal for a regulation;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and report to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C104, 13.9.74, p.92.



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The trade agreement between the European Community and Iran<sup>1</sup> stipulated that the Community should open a Community tariff quota for imports of dried grapes in immediate containers of a net capacity of 15 kg or less falling within subheading No 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff.
2. The agreement was not extended beyond 30 November 1973 and for 1974 the Community opted to open an autonomous tariff quota under the same conditions as laid down in the agreement.
3. At a meeting held on 31 May 1974, delegations from the Member States decided that from 1 January 1975 an autonomous tariff quota of 10,960 metric tons should be opened at a duty of 1.2% and allocated among the Member States in proportion to their respective imports from non-associated third countries during 1973.

The draft regulation is designed to implement the decisions taken at the above meeting of delegations from the Member States.

4. Since the application of the proposed regulation has no political implications and the amounts in question are of negligible importance, approval can be given to the Commission's proposal in its entirety.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EEC) No 3592/73 of 28 December 1973  
OJ No L 365, 31 December 1973

OPINION OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Rapporteur: Mr J. BAAS

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr BAAS rapporteur for an opinion at its meeting of 5 and 6 September.

It considered the draft opinion at its meeting of 3 and 4 October 1974, and adopted it unanimously.

The following were present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Laban, vice-chairman; Mr Baas, Mr Berthoin (deputizing for Mr Liogier), Mr Brewis (deputizing for Mr Scott-Hopkins), Mr Della Briotta, Mr Frchsee, Mr Fröh, Mr Gibbons, Mr Hansen, Mr Lemoine and Mr Ligios.



The purpose of this draft regulation, on which the Committee on Agriculture has been asked to deliver its opinion to the Committee on External Economic Relations, is to open a 1975 tariff quota of 10,960 metric tons at a duty of 1.2%.

The Community has agreed to open a yearly tariff quota of a non-discriminatory nature for dried grapes.<sup>1</sup>

Since the quota is relatively small compared with total Community requirements and thus will soon be exhausted, it is proposed to divide it into shares allocated to each Member State, but without thereby jeopardizing its Community nature.

Allocation of the quota will be based on the requirements of the Member States as calculated on imports from non-associated third countries in 1973 according to recent data on total imports from these countries in 1973 for which the figures are already known.

The duty to be applied by the new Member States within the quota shall be calculated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Act of Accession which stipulates that duties applied by the new Member States to third countries shall not vary greatly from the tariffs applied by the Community as originally constituted.

There are also arrangements - as is usual - for cooperation between the Commission and the Member States whereby the Member States keep the Commission informed as to the amount of their quotas they have used.

Since the quota is relatively small compared with total Community imports and the Committee on Agriculture has previously approved a similar proposal,<sup>2</sup> it considers that a favourable opinion on the tariff quota for 1975 can now be delivered.

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<sup>1</sup>Council regulation No 3592/73 of 28 December 1973, OJ L365 of 31 December 1973.

<sup>2</sup>Opinion drafted by Mr Vals on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture for the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc 288/73).

