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RESOLUTION

on the common fisheries policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the complexity of the issues raised by the crisis in the European fishing industry, in which geographical, legal, technical, economic and social factors are involved,
- having regard to the scale of the present difficulties the need to adapt the management of fishing companies to the requirements of our age and the practical situation of a number of fishermen.
- whereas the crisis in the European fishing industry has recently given rise to industrial unrest in the Member States.
- 1. Calls on the Council to inform it of the state of progress on the fisheries question following moves by the Member States to encourage the Commission to speed up implementation of the common fisheries policy and a review of the organization of the market in fisheries products;
- 2. Wishes to be apprised of the likely timetable of meetings of the Council of Ministers responsible for fisheries from the present time to the end of the year, and of the measures it proposes to take to overcome the rigid positions taken by some Member States on the allocation of the total authorized catch for the six main species of fish;
- 3. Calls on the Council to fulfil its undertakings given on 30 May 1980 to reach an agreement by 30 December;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and governments of the Member States.

19. Persecution of members of the Bahai community in Iran (debate and vote)

Mr ISRAEL introduced the motion for a resolution that had been tabled by Mr LALOR and himself, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr GLINNE and Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr KLEPSCH, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI, Mr VERGEER and others, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS, Mr PURVIS, Mr PRAG and others, on behalf of the European Democratic Group, and Mr BANGEMANN and Mr BERKHOUWER, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group, on the persecution of members of the Bahai community in Iran (Doc. 1-397/80/rev.)

The following spoke: Mr HABSBURG, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Mr PURVIS, on behalf of the European Democratic Group, Mr HAHN, Mr PROVAN, Mr NATALI, Vice-President of the Commission, Mr ROMUALDI and Mrs DEKKER.

The President declared the debate closed.

Moving on to the vote on the motion for a resolution, Parliament first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 4.

After paragraph 4, Mr HORD, Mr HARRIS and Mr TYRRELL had tabled amendment No. 1 seeking to insert a new paragraph.

Amendment No. 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 5.

The following gave explanations of vote; Mr PAPAPIETRO, Mr PRAG, Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN and Mr HARRIS.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the persecution of members of the Bahai community in Iran The European Parliament,

- recalling its unfailing attachment to international protection of human rights,
- recognizing in particular the need to protect the rights of religious minorities in all countries,
- concerned at the systematic campaign of persecution directed in Iran against the 300,000 members of the Bahai community (the biggest religious minority in Iran) and the accompanying violations of elementary human rights, in particular:
 - (a) the refusal of any legal protection to the Bahai minority,
 - (b) the summary arrest, detention and execution of leaders of the Bahai community,
 - (c) the confiscation or destruction of the resources and means of subsistence of the Bahai and the arbitrary dismissals or refusals to employ Bahais,
 - (d) the threats and acts of violence against the Bahais in an attempt to force them to repudiate their faith,
- Condemns the violation of the human rights of all religious minorities in Iran, more particularly the members of the Bahai faith whose rights as a religious minority are not recognized by the Iranian constitution;
- 2. Calls upon the Government of Iran to grant the Bahai community the legal recognition and protection to which all minorities are entitled under the provisions of the various UN pacts and conventions on human rights;
- 3. Also condemns the illegal measures taken against Catholic and Anglican leaders and the execution of leading members of the Jewish community;
- 4. Calls upon the Foreign Ministers of the European Communities meeting in political cooperation to make urgent representations to the Iranian authorities to put an end to the persecution of the members of the Bahai community and to allow them to practise their religion freely and enjoy all civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights;
- 5. Requests the Commission and Council to impose an embargo on all sales of surplus agricultural products to Iran where subsidies by European taxpayers are involved until full human rights are restored to Iranian citizens;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, to the Government of Iran, to the governments and parliaments of the Member States and to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

20. Events in Bolivia (debate and vote)

The next item was the debate and vote on two motions for resolutions (Doc. 1-381/80/rev. and 1-385/80).

Mr PAPAPIETRO introduced the motion for a resolution tabled by
Mr FANTI, Mr ANSART, Mr BAILLOT, Mr CHAMBEIRON, Mr DAMETTE, Mr VITALE,
Mr DENIS, Mr FRISCHMANN, MrMAFFRE-BAUGE, Mr MARTIN, Mr PRANCHERE
Mr LEONARDI, himself, Mr SEGRE, Mr GALLUZZI, Mr D'ANGELOSANTE, Mrs DE MARCH,
Mrs LE ROUX, Mrs POIRIER, Mr VERGES, and Mr IPPOLITO on behalf of the
Communist and Allies Group on relations between the EEC and the new regime
in Bolivia (Doc. 1-385/80) and requested that the motion for a
resolution be referred to committee.

Mr FERGUSSON introduced the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL and Mr VAN MIERT on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr KLEPSCH and Mr BLUMENFELD, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), by himself on behalf of the European Democratic Group and Mrs CARETTONI ROMAGNOLI and Mr BERKHOUWER on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group on events in Bolivia (Doc. 1-381/80/rev.).

The following spoke: Mr BERSANI, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Mr ARNDT, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr ISRAEL, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr NATALI, Vice-President of the Commission.

The following gave explanations of vote: Mrs CASTELLINA, Mr PANNELLA, who also asked on behalf of the Group for the Technical Coordination and Defence of Independent Groups and Members and pursuant to Rule 35 (4) that a roll-call vote be taken on the motion for a resolution, and Mr KLEPSCH.

Mr FERGUSSØN and Mr PANNELLA raised points of order.

The President decided, pursuant to Rule 35 (6) that the vote would be taken using the electronic voting system.

The vote was taken on motion Doc. 1-381/80/rev., as motion Doc./1-385/80 had been referred to committee.

Result of the vote:

Members voting 55¹
Abstentions 2
For 53
Against 0

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

¹ See annex