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MINUTES OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY 19 JUNE 1998

(98/C 210/05)

PART I**Proceedings of the sitting**

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs SCHLEICHER

*Vice-President**(The sitting opened at 9 a.m.)***1. Approval of Minutes***The following spoke:*

— Mr Kerr, who made a personal statement under Rule 108, in response to remarks concerning him made the previous day by Mr Blair, President-in-Office of the European Council, in his speech at the end of the debate on the Cardiff European Council (Part I, Item 2);

— Mr Rübzig, who congratulated the French authorities on the security arrangements for Mr Blair's visit the previous day; he then announced that he had received from the President of Parliament a copy of a letter from the Belgian Prime Minister informing the President that a police station would soon be installed in the vicinity of Parliament's premises in Brussels;

— Mr Wynn, who pointed out that Mr Falconer had not asked for his presence in the Chamber during roll-call votes to be recorded this week and asked whether the relevant provisions had been changed;

— Mr Falconer on Mr Wynn's remarks.

The Minutes of the previous sitting were approved.

2. Referral to committee

The following committees had been asked for opinions:

— TRAN concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) adopting general provisions regarding the Structural Funds (98/0090(AVC)) (responsible: REGI; already asked for opinions: AGRI, ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RTDE, ENVI, WOME, CULT, FISH);

— ENVI concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) on reform of the common agricultural policy: Agenda 2000 (direct support to farmers) (98/0113(CNS)) (responsible: AGRI; already asked for opinions: BUDG, CONT, REGI);

— AGRI concerning the proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) establishing a pre-accession structural instrument (98/0091(CNS)) (responsible: REGI; already asked for opinions: ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RELA, TRAN, ENVI, WOME, FASE);

— CIVI concerning the implementation of the Amsterdam Treaty (responsible: INST).

3. Documents received

The President had received the following texts:

(a) from the Council, requests for opinions on:

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Bulgaria in the Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy (COM(98)0263 — C4-0327/98 — 98/0153(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC, WOME

legal basis: Art. 129, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Estonia in the Community programmes in the fields of health promotion, information, education and training (COM(98)0263 — C4-0328/98 — 98/0154(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC, WOME

legal basis: Art. 129, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Hungary in the Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy (COM(98)0263 — C4-0329/98 — 98/0155(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC, WOME

legal basis: Art. 129, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Lithuania in the Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy (COM(98)0263 — C4-0330/98 — 98/0156(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC, WOME

legal basis: Art. 129, 228(3), first subpara. EC

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— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Romania in the Community programmes in the fields of health and social policy (COM(98)0263 — C4-0331/98 — 98/0157(CNS))

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, ESOC, WOME

legal basis: Art. 129, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) amending Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials of the European Communities and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the Communities (COM(98)0312 — C4-0332/98 — 98/0176(CNS))

referred to
responsible: LEGA
opinion: BUDG, RULE

legal basis: Art. 24 EC

— Proposal for a Council Directive on a transparent system of harmonized rules for driving restrictions on heavy goods vehicles involved in international transport on designated roads (COM(98)0115 — C4-0345/98 — 98/0096(SYN))

referred to
responsible: TRAN

legal basis: Art. 75(1) EC

— Proposal for a Council Directive on the roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating in the Community (COM(98)0117 — C4-0346/98 — 98/0097(SYN))

referred to
responsible: TRAN
opinion: ECON, LEGA, ENVI

legal basis: Art. 75(1) EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Bulgaria in the Community programme in the field of youth (COM(98)0281 — C4-0356/98 — 98/0160(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CULT
opinion: BUDG

legal basis: Art. 126, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy (COM(98)0303 — C4-0357/98 — 98/0170(CNS))

referred to
responsible: FISH

legal basis: Art. 43 EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision 97/256/EC so as to extend the Community guarantee granted to the European Investment Bank to cover loans for projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina (COM(98)0315 — C4-0358/98 — 98/0175(CNS))

referred to
responsible: BUDG
opinion: RELA, CONT

legal basis: Art. 235 EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Lithuania in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0310 — C4-0359/98 — 98/0174(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CULT
opinion: BUDG, ESOC

legal basis: Art. 126, 127, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Latvia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0309 — C4-0360/98 — 98/0173(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CULT
opinion: BUDG, ESOC

legal basis: Art. 126, 127, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the Community position within the Association Council on the participation of Estonia in Community programmes in the fields of training, youth and education (COM(98)0308 — C4-0361/98 — 98/0172(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CULT
opinion: BUDG, ESOC

legal basis: Art. 126, 127, 228(3), first subpara. EC

— Proposal for a Council Decision relating to the conclusion of an agreement between the European Community and the Council of Europe for the purpose of establishing, in accordance with Article 7(3) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1035/97 of 2 June 1997 establishing a European Monitoring Centre on Racism and Xenophobia, close cooperation between the Centre and the Council of Europe (COM(98)0255 — C4-0362/98 — 98/0143(CNS))

referred to
responsible: CIVI

— Proposal for a Council and Commission Decision on the conclusion of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

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between the European Communities and their Member States and Turkmenistan (COM(97)0693 — C4-0371/98 — 98/0031(AVC))

referred to
responsible: FASE
opinion: BUDG, RELA

legal basis: Art. 228(2)(3), second subpara. EC

(b) from the Commission:

(ba) proposals and/or communications:

— Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive on speedometers for two- or three-wheel motor vehicles and amending Council Directive 92/61/EEC on the type-approval of two- or three-wheel motor vehicles (COM(98)0285 — C4-0317/98 — 98/0163(COD))

referred to
responsible: ECON
opinion: TRAN

legal basis: Art. 100a EC

— Proposal for a European Parliament and Council Directive amending Council Directive 97/12/EC of 17 March 1997 amending and updating Directive 64/432/EEC on health problems affecting intra-Community trade in bovine animals and swine (COM(98)0338 — C4-0348/98 — 98/0194(COD))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: ENVI

legal basis: Art. 43, 100a EC

— Communication to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on transport and CO₂ — Developing a Community approach (COM(98)0204 — C4-0355/98)

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: BUDG, RTDE, TRAN

— Communication to the Council and the European Parliament on removal and disposal of disused offshore oil and gas installations (COM(98)0049 — C4-0367/98)

referred to
responsible: ENVI
opinion: RTDE

(bb) proposals for transfers of appropriations:

— Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 11/98 between Chapters in Section VI — Economic and Social Committee — Committee of the Regions — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0948 — C4-0336/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 12/98 between Chapters in Section IV — Court of Justice — of the General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)0947 — C4-0337/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 13/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)1022 — C4-0364/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

— Proposal for transfer of appropriations No 14/98 between Chapters in Section III — Commission — Part B — of the General Budget for the European Union for the financial year 1998 (SEC(98)1023 — C4-0365/98)

referred to
responsible: BUDG

(bc) other texts:

— Protection of the financial interests of the Communities: Fight against fraud — Annual Report 1997 (COM(98)0276 — C4-0269/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT
opinion: LEGA, CIVI

— Report to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Social Protection in Europe 1997 — Executive Summary (COM(98)0243 — C4-0375/98)

referred to
responsible: ESOC
opinion: WOME

(c) from the Court of Auditors:

— Special Report No 1/98 in respect of bilateral financial and technical cooperation with non-Member Mediterranean countries together with the Commission's replies (C4-0368/98)

referred to
responsible: CONT
opinion: RELA

legal basis: Art. 188c(4), second subpara. EC

4. Authorization to draw up reports — Hughes procedure

The following had been authorized to draw up reports:

Committee on Economic Affairs

- The adjustment mechanism in cases of asymmetric shocks
- The euro as a parallel currency

Committee on Employment

- Family policy and social protection of abused children (Opinion: CIVI, WOME)

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Committee on Transport

- Harmonisation of the social provisions in transport policy (Opinion: ESOC)

Committee on Culture

- The situation and the role of artists in the European Union

Committee on Institutional Affairs

- The constitutional consequences of EMU in the context of enlargement (Opinion: ECON, FASE)
- The decision-making process within the Council in an enlarged Europe
- The strengthening of the institutions of the European Union in view of establishing an area of democracy and freedom (Opinion: CIVI)

Committee on Budgetary Control

- The consequences of the MED programmes court proceedings

Committee on Fisheries

- The problem of fish discards

The Committee on Legal Affairs had been authorized to draw up a legislative initiative report under Rule 50 on the introduction of a period of grace in national legislation on legal protection concerning patenting rights

The Hughes procedure would be applied to the following reports:

Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Environment, security and foreign affairs (Opinion: ENVI)
- Agenda 2000: pre-accession, coordination of aid to applicant countries (C4-0273/98 — 98/0094(CNS)) (Opinions: AGRI, ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RTDE, ENVI, WOME, CULT, REGI, RELA) Hughes procedure for FASE, AGRI, RELA, BUDG and REGI

Committee on Agriculture

- Agenda 2000: aid to rural development from the European Agricultural Fund — EAGGF (C4-0297/98 — 98/0102(CNS)) (Opinion: ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RTDE, ENVI, WOME, FISH, REGI) Hughes procedure for AGRI, REGI, ESOC and BUDG
- Agenda 2000: financing the common agricultural policy (CAP) (C4-0298/98 — 98/0112(CNS)) (Opinion: BUDG, CONT, REGI) Hughes procedure for AGRI and BUDG

- Agenda 2000: applicant CEECs, pre-accession aid for agriculture and rural development (C4-0244/98 — 98/0100(CNS)) (Opinion: ESOC, BUDG, CONT, ENVI, FASE, REGI, RELA) Hughes procedure for AGRI, FASE, RELA, BUDG and REGI

Committee on Budgets

- Azerbaijan: exceptional financial aid (C4-0274/98 — 98/0129(CNS)) (Opinions: FASE, RELA)
- Agenda 2000: trans-European networks: rules governing the granting of financial aid (amendment of Regulation (EC) No 2236/95) (C4-0283/98 — 98/0101(SYN)) (Opinions: CONT, ECON, RTDE, REGI, TRAN) Hughes procedure for BUDG, ECON, RTDE and TRAN)
- Agenda 2000: Guarantee Fund for external actions (amendment of Regulation (EC) No 2728/94) (C4-0302/98 — 98/0117(CNS)) (Opinions: AGRI, ESOC, CONT, ECON, RTDE, ENVI, CULT, FISH, REGI, RELA) Hughes procedure for BUDG, AGRI, RTDE and REGI
- Agenda 2000: New financial perspective for the period 2000-2006 (C4-0304/98 and C4-0305/98) (Opinions: AGRI, ESOC, CONT, ECON, RTDE, ENVI, CULT, FISH, REGI, RELA) Hughes procedure for BUDG, AGRI, RTDE and REGI

Economic Affairs Committee

- Common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments made between associated companies of different Member States (C4-0195/98 — 98/0087(CNS)) (Opinion: LEGA)

Legal Affairs Committee

- Harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society (C4-0079/98 — 97/0359(COD)) (Opinions: ECON, ENVI, CULT) The Economic Affairs Committee is also involved in the Hughes procedure for LEGA and CULT

Committee on Employment

- Agenda 2000: European Social Fund (C4-0287/98 — 98/0115(SYN)) (Opinions: BUDG, CONT, WOME, FISH, REGI) Hughes procedure for ESOC, REGI and BUDG

Regional Policy Committee

- Agenda 2000: Structural Funds, reform, concentration and controls (C4-0285/98 — 98/0090(AVC)) (Opinions: AGRI, ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RTDE, ENVI, WOME, CULT, FISH, TRAN) Hughes procedure for REGI, AGRI, ESOC and BUDG

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- Agenda 2000: Cohesion Fund (amendment of Regulation (EC) No 1164/94)
(C4-0289/98 — 98/0104(AVC))
(Opinions: BUDG, CONT, ECON, RTDE, ENVI, CULT, FISH, TRAN)
Hughes procedure for REGI and BUDG
- Agenda 2000: European Regional Development Fund
(C4-0286/98 — 98/0114(SYN))
(Opinions: AGRI, ESOC, BUDG, CONT, RTDE, ENVI, WOME, CULT, TRAN)
Hughes procedure for REGI, ESOC and BUDG
- Agenda 2000: Cohesion Fund (amendment of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 1164/94)
(C4-0312/98 — 98/0118(CNS))
(Opinions: BUDG, CONT, ECON, RTDE, ENVI, CULT, FISH, TRAN)
Hughes procedure for REGI and BUDG
- Agenda 2000: Instrument for structural policies for pre-accession ISPA, aid to applicant countries
(C4-0301/98 — 98/0091(CNS))
(Opinions: ESOC, BUDG, CONT, ENVI, WOME, FASE, RELA, TRAN, AGRI)
Hughes procedure for REGI, FASE, BUDG, RELA and AGRI

Committee on Fisheries

- Agenda 2000: Financial instrument for fisheries guidance
FIFG, structural measures
(C4-0288/98 — 98/0116(CNS))
(Opinions: BUDG, CONT, ENVI, WOME and REGI)
Hughes procedure for FISH, REGI and BUDG

5. Veterinary and phytosanitary matters *

(Rule 99) (vote)

Report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the draft Decision by the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex I (veterinary and phytosanitary matters) of the EEA Agreement — Draft common position of the Community (SEC(98)0250 — C4-0243/98 — 98/0815(CNS)) (A4-0236/98, rapporteur: Mrs Ferrer) (without debate)
(*Simple majority*)

DRAFT DECISION SEC(98)0250 — C4-0243/98 — 98/0815(CNS):

Parliament approved the draft decision (*Part II, Item 1*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 1*).

6. Herring * — Conservation of fishery resources in Baltic, the Belts and the Sound * — Industrial fisheries (vote)

Reports by Mrs Langenhagen (A4-0142/98), Mr Kofoed (A4-0139/98) and Mr Kindermann (A4-0201/98)
(*Simple majority*)

(a) A4-0142/98

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(97)0694 — C4-0041/98 — 97/0353(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 1; 4; 3

Amendment fallen: 2

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 2(a)*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 2(a)*).

(b) A4-0139/98

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(97)0675 — C4-0017/98 — 97/0354(CNS):

Parliament approved the Commission proposal (*Part II, Item 2(b)*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 2(b)*).

(c) A4-0201/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 2(c)*).

7. Future of fisheries products — Fish product canning industry and aquaculture (vote)

Reports by Mr McCartin (A4-0204/98) and Mr Varela Suanzes-Carpegna (A4-0137/98)
(*Simple majority*)

(a) A4-0204/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 7 by EV (122 for, 103 against, 0 abstentions); 8 by EV (138 for, 94 against, 0 abstentions); 9 by EV (127 for, 105 against, 0 abstentions); 10 by EV (121 for, 119 against, 4 abstentions); 12 by RCV; 13 by EV (128 for, 121 against, 1 abstention); 16 by EV (124 for, 122 against, 2 abstentions); 17 by EV (127 for, 109 against, 0 abstentions); 19 by EV (135 for, 108 against, 1 abstention); 6 (1st part) by EV (127 for, 113 against, 3 abstentions); 20 by RCV

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Amendments rejected: 11; 1; 14 by RCV; 2; 3; 4; 5; 15; 18 by RCV; 6 (2nd part) by EV (114 for, 122 against, 1 abstention); 6 (3rd part) by EV (120 for, 126 against, 7 abstentions); 21; 22

The different parts of the text were adopted in order (para. 4 by EV (138 for, 108 against, 6 abstentions)).

Separate votes: paras. 15; 19 (ELDR)

Split votes:

am. 6 (UPE, I-EDN)

1st part: up to 'fisheries products'
2nd part: 'believes it is vital ... Community market'
3rd part: remainder

Results of RCVs:

am. 12 (I-EDN):

Members voting:	247
For:	139
Against:	107
Abstentions:	1

am. 14 (I-EDN):

Members voting:	245
For:	40
Against:	203
Abstentions:	2

am. 18 (I-EDN):

Members voting:	252
For:	46
Against:	198
Abstentions:	8

am. 20 (I-EDN):

Members voting:	256
For:	130
Against:	124
Abstentions:	2

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 3(a)*).

(b) A4-0137/98

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Amendments adopted: 1 (1st part); 1 (2nd part) by EV (141 for, 90 against, 6 abstentions); 1 (3rd part)

Amendment withdrawn: 2

The different parts of the text were adopted in order

The following spoke during the vote:

— before the vote on am. 1, the rapporteur pointed out that a linguistic correction needed to be made to the Spanish version of this amendment;

— before the vote on para. 12, the rapporteur proposed an oral amendment to replace am. 2 with the following text: 'Believes that aid mechanisms for producers' organizations must be established to enable them to coordinate supply'.

Mr Novo, co-author of am. 2, tabled on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, withdrew his amendment in favour of the oral amendment proposed by the rapporteur.

The President established that there were no objections to this oral amendment.

Separate votes: recital F; G; paras. 4; 8 (ELDR)

Split votes:

am. 1 (PSE):

1st part: up to 'in particular olive oil'
2nd part: 'for which it calls ... international price'
3rd part: remainder

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 3(b)*).

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Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

Kofoed report — A4-0139/98

— *in writing:* Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

Kindermann report — A4-0201/98

— *in writing:* Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

McCartin report — A4-0204/98

— *in writing:* Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

Varela Suanzes-Carpegna report — A4-0137/98

— *in writing:* Souchet, on behalf of the I-EDN Group

8. COM in oils and fats * (Rule 99) (debate and vote)

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 136/66 on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (COM(98)0171 — C4-0229/98 — 98/0098(CNS)).

referred to

responsible: AGRI

opinion: ESOC, BUDG, CONT.

The following spoke: Mr Rosado Fernandes, deputizing for Mr Giansily, draftsman of the opinion of the Committee on Budgetary Control, Mr Fantuzzi, on behalf of the PSE Group, Mr Filippi, on behalf of the PPE Group, Mr Vallvé, on behalf

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of the ELDR Group, Mrs Daskalaki, on behalf of the UPE Group, Mr Jové Peres, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf, on behalf of the V Group, Mr Trizza, Non-attached Member, Mr Colino Salamanca, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Mr Arias Cañete, Mr Novo, Mr Orlando, Mrs Lambraki, Mr Santini, Mrs Redondo Jiménez, Mr Hatzidakis and Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GUTIÉRREZ DÍAZ

Vice-President

The President closed the debate.

VOTE

(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(98)0171 — C4-0229/98 — 98/0098(CNS):

Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf who, on the basis of Rule 102, pointed out that the amendments were not available in German (the President replied that there had indeed been a delay but that they were now available); Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf repeated that they were not.

Amendments adopted: 37 by EV (88 for, 87 against, 1 abstention); 2 by EV (116 for, 39 against, 3 abstentions); 39; 88 by EV (98 for, 74 against, 3 abstentions); 118 by EV (99 for, 71 against, 2 abstentions); 41; 42; 43; 120 by EV (114 for, 54 against, 2 abstentions); 121 by EV (88 for, 78 against, 4 abstentions); 122 by EV (87 for, 83 against, 4 abstentions); 124 by EV (120 for, 51 against, 3 abstentions); 89; 27 as an addition; 4; 163 by EV (105 for, 60 against, 2 abstentions); 35; 129; 5; 48; 49; 91; 144 by EV (85 for, 73 against, 7 abstentions); 145 (1st part); 145 (3rd part) by EV (123 for, 35 against, 7 abstentions); 13 as an addition; 51 by EV (107 for, 60 against, 1 abstentions); 33; 53; 54; 56; 57 (1st part); 29 (2nd part); 58; 102; 150; 28; 93 by EV (122 for, 44 against, 1 abstentions); 10; 152 (1st part); 152 (2nd part); 11 (1st part) by RCV; 94 by EV (83 for, 42 against, 3 abstentions); 15 as an addition; 156 by EV (76 for, 60 against, 1 abstentions); 130; 157; 96 by EV (92 for, 39 against, 3 abstentions); 16; 112 by EV (68 for, 63 against, 1 abstentions); 67; 68; 69; 133/fin by EV (97 for, 30 against, 5 abstentions); 97; 113/fin by EV (67 for, 59 against, 2 abstentions); 134 by EV (85 for, 41 against, 3 abstentions); 70; 18; 30; 72; 31 by EV (125 for, 5 against, 4 abstentions); 98; 74; 24; 99; 25; 138; 78; 79; 114/fin. by EV (84 for, 48 against, 4 abstentions); 80; 22; 23; 139 by EV (91 for, 42 against, 1 abstention); 100; 19; 141/fin. (1st part) by EV (94 for, 40 against, 2 abstentions); 141/fin. (2nd part); 20 as an addition by EV (74 for, 54 against, 5 abstentions); 84; 85 (1st part); 85 (3rd part); 86

Amendments rejected: 34; 26 by EV (72 for, 97 against, 4 abstentions); 40 by EV (53 for, 117 against, 3 abstentions); 119; 123; 44 by EV (41 for, 105 against, 2 abstentions); 36 by EV (45 for, 124 against, 1 abstentions); 125; 45 by EV (25 for, 115 against, 3 abstentions); 1; 126; 46; 127 (1st part); 127

(2nd part); 8 by EV (50 for, 113 against, 2 abstentions); 47; 6 by EV (72 for, 94 against, 3 abstentions); 145 (2nd part); 52 by EV (74 for, 94 against, 1 abstention); 55; 57 (2nd part); 149 by EV (69 for, 94 against, 4 abstentions); 29 (1st part) by EV (61 for, 99 against, 4 abstentions); 60; 61 by EV (74 for, 88 against, 3 abstentions); 153 (1st part); 153 (2nd part) by EV (52 for, 106 against, 2 abstentions); 62; 11 (2nd part) by RCV; 63; 9; 154; 155; 64 by EV (53 for, 83 against, 1 abstention); 103; 104; 162 by EV (41 for, 87 against, 2 abstentions); 105; 108; 109; 81; 140 (1st part) by EV (56 for, 77 against, 4 abstentions); 82; 115/fin.; 159 by EV (52 for, 82 against, 2 abstentions); 110; 85 (2nd part); 142; 87 (1st part) by EV (57 for, 77 against, 5 abstentions); 161

Amendments withdrawn: 147; 17; 76; 77

Amendments fallen: 7; 116; 38; 117; 32; 128; 90; 143; 12; 50; 146; 29 (part corresponding to am. 57); 148; 59; 151; 92; 62; 158; 111; 65; 95; 14; 66; 132; 131; 21; 135; 71; 73; 136; 107/fin.; 75; 137; 140 (2nd part); 160; 101; 83; 87 (2nd part)

The following spoke during the vote:

— after the vote on am. 37, Mrs Roth said, in support of Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf's remarks, that the amendments were still not available in German at distribution;

— after the vote on am 55, Mr Jové Peres withdrew am. 147 on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group;

— after the vote on am. 29, Mr Colino Salamanca pointed out that am. 58 had not fallen; the President agreed with this view and put am. 58 to the vote;

— before the vote on am. 11, Mr Fantuzzi asked for the split vote to be explained; Mr Filippi then spoke;

— after the vote on am. 11, Mrs Lambraki and Mrs Hardstaff pointed out that a number of voting machines had not worked, and Mr Roubatis criticized the excessive speed with which the President was taking the vote;

— before the vote on the original text of Article 1(3) of the proposal concerning Article 5(4), 2nd subparagraph, of Regulation (EEC) 136/66, Mr Rosado Fernandes explained the purpose of this vote, which had been asked for by the UPE Group;

— after the vote on am.68, Mr Colino Salamanca argued that am. 17 had fallen; Mr Añoveros Trias de Bes, co-author of the amendment, then withdrew it;

— before the vote on am. 141/fin., Mr Filippi asked for a split vote on the amendment (the President established that there was no opposition to this request);

— after the adoption of am. 20, Mr Jové Peres argued that the amendment was incompatible with amendments previously adopted.

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Separate votes: Article 1(3) of the Commission proposal concerning Article 5(4), 2nd subparagraph, of Regulation (EEC) 136/66 (UPE) (adopted); Article 5 of Commission proposal (Mr Añoveros Trias de Bes) (rejected).

Split votes:

am. 127 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: up to '2262/84'
2nd part: remainder

am. 145 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: up to 'other origins'
2nd part: the words 'in the European Economic Area'
3rd part: remainder

am. 57 (PPE)

1st part: up to 'marketing year'
2nd part: remainder

am. 29 (PPE)

1st part: up to 'ECU 175,16/100 kg'
2nd part: remainder

am. 152 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: up to 'marketing year'
2nd part: remainder

am. 153 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: up to 'national guaranteed quantities'
2nd part: remainder

am. 11 (GUE/NGL, PPE)

1st part: text without the words 'as follows'
2nd part: these words

am. 140 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: up to 'aid scheme'
2nd part: remainder

am. 141/fin. (Mr Filippi)

1st part: 1st subparagraph
2nd part: 2nd subparagraph

am. 85 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: para. 1, 1st subparagraph
2nd part: para. 1, 2nd subparagraph
3rd part: remainder

am. 87 (GUE/NGL)

1st part: 1st subparagraph
2nd part: 2nd subparagraph*Results of RCVs:*

am. 11 (1st part) (GUE/NGL, PSE):

Members voting:	163
For:	92
Against:	52
Abstentions:	19

am. 11 (2nd part) (GUE/NGL, PSE):

Members voting:	127
For:	7
Against:	116
Abstentions:	4

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended by RCV (GUE/NGL, PPE):

Members voting:	140
For:	135
Against:	0
Abstentions:	5

(Part II, Item 4).

The following spoke: Mr Colino Salamanca, who asked for the Commission's position on the amendments adopted by Parliament, Mr Fischler, Member of the Commission, in reply, and Mr Colino Salamanca, who asked for referral back to committee pursuant to Rule 60(2).

The following spoke on this request: Mr Galeote Quecedo who referred to the provisions of Rule 129 (the President pointed out that Rule 60(2) was being applied), and who spoke against referral back, Mr Cabezón Alonso, who spoke in favour, Mr Fantuzzi, who pointed out that the request was not being made on behalf of the PSE Group, and Mr Dell'Alba, who said that neither Rule 60 nor Rule 129 applied because there was no report and no draft legislative resolution.

The President decided to put Mr Colino Salamanca's request to the vote, on the grounds that the amendments adopted by Parliament would be the subject of the referral back to committee.

Parliament rejected the request for referral back to committee by EV (32 for, 97 against, 1 abstention).

Mr Kellett-Bowman regretted the House's decision to move to the vote even though it had been established that the amendments were not available in German.

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

- *orally:* Izquierdo Rojo
- *in writing:* Novo

Corrections to votes — Members present but not voting

- am. 145 (3rd part)
Intended to vote for: Roth
- am. 11 (1st part):
Intended to vote against: Katiforis, Panagopoulos, Roubatis, Tsatsos, Lambraki, Karamanou, Kokkola
- am. 11 (2nd part):
Intended to vote for: Katiforis, Panagopoulos, Roubatis, Tsatsos, Lambraki, Karamanou, Kokkola
Intended to vote against: Hardstaff, Wynn and Barton

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9. Set-aside requirement for 1999/2000 *
(Rule 99) (debate and vote)

Proposal for a Council Regulation derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops as regards the set-aside requirement for the marketing year 1999/2000 (COM(98)0366 — C4-0363/98 — 98/0213(CNS))

referred to
responsible: AGRI
opinion: BUDG

The following spoke:

- Mr Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group, who proposed not holding a debate and moving immediately to the vote on the proposal for a Regulation;
- Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf who asked for the debate to take place.

The President decided to put Mr Pasty's proposal to the vote.

The proposal was approved by EV (48 for, 21 against, 0 abstentions).

VOTE
(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(98)0366 — C4-0363/98 — 98/0213(CNS):

Amendments adopted: 4 by RCV; 1 by RCV

Amendments rejected: 3 by EV (34 for, 38 against, 2 abstentions);

Amendments fallen: 2; 5

Results of RCVs:

am. 4 (I-EDN):	
Members voting:	75
For:	70
Against:	5
Abstentions:	0
am. 1 (I-EDN):	
Members voting:	77
For:	44
Against:	32
Abstentions:	1

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 5*).

Mr Souchet protested at the fact that Parliament had taken a decision on this proposal without any debate.

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members::

- *in writing:* Souchet; Kofoed; Novo; Funk; Poisson; des Places; Martinez

Corrections to votes

am. 1:

- Intended to vote for: Telkämper

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The following spoke:

- Mr Pasty, who suggested that Members who wished to speak in the debate should hand in their prepared speeches as written explanations of vote (the President said he could agree to this proposal);
- Mr Wolf, who pointed out that there was a joint motion for a resolution concerning the last item on the agenda and stressed how important it was for it to be put to the vote;
- Mr W.G. van Velzen, who asked for Mr Pasty's proposal not to hold a debate on the set-aside Regulation but to vote on it immediately to be applied to all the items still on the agenda;
- Mr Ullmann, rapporteur on electronic communications, who opposed this request;
- Mr Liese, who made a procedural point.

The President took over Mr W.G. van Velzen's request: the House agreed to it.

10. ACP banana suppliers **I (vote)

The next item was the report by Mr Liese, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a special framework of assistance for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas (COM(98)0005 — C4-0263/98 — 98/0014(SYN)) (A4-0237/98).

VOTE
(Simple majority)

PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION COM(98)0005 — C4-0263/98 — 98/0014(SYN):

Amendments adopted: 1 to 6 collectively; 7; 8 to 11 collectively; 12; 13 to 15 collectively; 16 (1st part); 16 (2nd part) by EV (28 for, 24 against, 3 abstentions); 17 to 21 collectively; 22; 35 by EV (27 for, 20 against, 3 abstentions); 23; 24 to 28 collectively; 29 and 30 collectively; 31; 32; 33

Amendments rejected: 34; 37 by EV (26 for, 27 against, 3 abstentions);

Amendments withdrawn: 36; 38

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The following spoke during the vote:

- after the vote on am. 34, the rapporteur pointed out that this amendment, along with ams 36 and 38, had already been withdrawn;
- Mr Santini, after the vote on am. 35, on a procedural matter;
- after the vote on am. 31, the rapporteur pointed out that the wording of this amendment did not correspond to the version adopted in committee; he asked for the appropriate department to make the necessary checks; Mr Graefe zu Baringdorf spoke on these remarks.

Separate votes: ams. 7 (UPE); 12 (ELDR); 23 (UPE); 31 (rapporteur)

Split votes:

am. 16 (UPE):

- 1st part: text without the words 'together with those in the Dominican Republic and Ghana'
- 2nd part: these words

Parliament approved the Commission proposal as amended (*Part II, Item 6*).

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION:

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

- *in writing:* Souchet, Novo

Parliament adopted the legislative resolution (*Part II, Item 6*).

11. Proceeds from crime * (vote)

The next item was the report drawn up by Mr Orlando, on behalf of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Internal Affairs on the draft joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union concerning arrangements for cooperation between Member States in respect of the identification, tracing, freezing or seizing and confiscation of instrumentalities and the proceeds from crime (6490/98 — C4-0184/98 — 98/0909(CNS)) (A4-0222/98).

The following spoke:

- Mr Nassauer, who asked on behalf of the PPE Group for the Orlando report to be postponed to the next sitting under Rule 131;
- Mr Orlando, rapporteur, on this request;
- Mr Schulz who, on behalf of the PSE Group, supported Mr Nassauer's proposal.

The President put the proposal to the vote.

Parliament agreed to the proposal.

12. TACIS programme (vote)

The next item was the report by Mrs Karamanou, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, and the Committee of the Regions on cross-border cooperation within the framework of the TACIS programme (COM(97)0239 — C4-0280/97) (A4-0179/98).

Mrs Karamanou, rapporteur, asked on behalf of the PSE Group for the debate to be postponed to the next sitting under Rule 131.

The President put the proposal to the vote.

Parliament agreed to the proposal.

13. Electronic communication security (vote)

The next item was the report by Mr Ullmann, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens Rights, on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions — Ensuring security and trust in electronic communication — Towards a European framework for digital signatures and encryption (COM(97)0503 — C4-0648/97) (A4-0189/98).

Draftsman of opinion (Hughes procedure):

Mr W.G. van Velzen, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy.

Mr Ullmann, rapporteur, asked on behalf of the V Group for the debate to be postponed to the next sitting under Rule 131.

The President put the proposal to the vote.

Parliament agreed to the proposal.

14. Information society (vote)

The next item was seven oral questions to the Commission by the following Members:

- Dupuis and Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the information society (B4-0473/98);
- Pasty, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the information society, Internet management and democracy (B4-0475/98);
- Martens, Pex, Pack and Vaz da Silva, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the information society, Internet management and democracy (B4-0476/98);
- Ryyänen, Thors, Boogerd-Quaak and Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the information society (B4-0477/98);
- Elchlepp, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the information society (B4-0478/98);
- Pailler and Sierra González, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the information society and democracy (B4-0479/98);

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— Wolf, Ripa di Meana and Kerr, on behalf of the V Group, on the information society (B4-0480/98).

(In line with Parliament's decision (see Item 9), no debate was held.)

VOTE
(Simple majority)

Motions for resolutions B4-0582, 0583, 0586, 0590, 0591, 0592 and 0593/98, tabled pursuant to Rule 40(5) by the following Members:

— Pasty, Guinebertière, Poisson and Daskalaki, on behalf of the UPE Group, on the information society, management of the Internet and democracy (B4-0582/98);

— Pailler, Sierra González and Miranda, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group, on the information society (B4-0583/98);

— Martens, Pex, Pack and Vaz da Silva, on behalf of the PPE Group, on the information society (B4-0586/98);

— Tongue, on behalf of the PSE Group, on the information society (B4-0590/98);

— Wolf, Ripa di Meana and Kerr, on behalf of the V Group, on the information society (B4-0591/98);

— Plooij-van Gorsel, Boogerd-Quaak, Ryyänen, Thors and Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group, on the information society (B4-0592/98);

— Dupuis and Dell'Alba, on behalf of the ARE Group, on the information society (B4-0593/98).

MOTIONS FOR RESOLUTIONS B4-0582, 0586, 0590, 0591, 0592 and 0593/98:

— joint motion for a resolution tabled by the following Members:
Tongue and Erika Mann, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Perry, Pack, Pex and Vaz da Silva, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Plooij van Gorsel, Boogerd-Quaak, Ryyänen, Thors and Watson, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Guinebertière, Poisson and Daskalaki, on behalf of the UPE Group,
Wolf, Ripa di Meana and Kerr, on behalf of the V Group,
Dupuis, Dell'Alba and Hory, on behalf of the ARE Group,
to replace these motions with a new text:

Explanations of vote were made by the following Members:

— *in writing:* Myller

Parliament adopted the resolution (*Part II, Item 7*).

(Motion for a resolution B4-0583/98 fell.)

15. Membership of committees and delegations

At the request of the PPE Group and the non-attached Members, Parliament ratified the following appointments:

— Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development: Mr Trakatellis, to replace Mr Dimitrakopoulos, with effect from 1 July 1998.

— Delegation for Relations with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Mongolia: Mr Parigi.

16. Forwarding of texts adopted during the sitting

The President informed Parliament, pursuant to Rule 133(2), that the Minutes of that day's sitting would be submitted to Parliament for its approval at the beginning of its next sitting.

With Parliament's agreement, he stated that he would forward the texts that had just been adopted forthwith to the bodies named therein.

17. Dates for next sittings

The President announced that the next sittings would be held on 1 and 2 July 1998.

18. Adjournment of session

The session was adjourned.

(The sitting closed at 12.45 p.m.)

Julian PRIESTLEY
Secretary General

José María GIL-ROBLES GIL-DELGADO
President

PART II

Texts adopted by the European Parliament**1. Veterinary and phytosanitary matters * (Rule 99)**

A4-0236/98

Draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement (SEC(98)0250 – C4-0243/98 – 98/0815(CNS))

The draft was approved.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee amending Annex I (Veterinary and phytosanitary matters) to the EEA Agreement (SEC(98)0250 – C4-0243/98 – 98/0815(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Decision of the EEA Joint Committee, SEC(98)0250 – 98/0815(CNS),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No 2894/94 concerning arrangements for implementing the Agreement on the European Economic Area (C4-0243/98),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (A4-0236/98),
1. Approves the draft Decision;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.
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2. Herring * – Conservation of fishery resources in Baltic, the Belts and the Sound * – Industrial fisheries

(a) A4-0142/98

Proposal for a Council Regulation specifying conditions under which herring may be landed for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption (COM(97)0694 – C4-0041/98 – 97/0353(CNS))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION (*)	AMENDMENTS BY PARLIAMENT
(Amendment 1)	
<i>Article 2(2)(i)</i>	
(i) any herring caught within ICES Division IIIId except <i>sub-division 24 thereof</i> , or	(i) any herring caught within ICES Division IIIId except to the west of 16°00E, provided that the aggregate by-catch of cod, plaice and sole does not exceed 2% by weight of the total combined weight of the herring and other species retained on board , or
(Amendment 4)	
<i>Article 2(2)(ii)</i>	
(ii) any herring caught within ICES Divisions IIIb, c or <i>sub-division 24 of ICES Division IIIId</i> provided that the herring are landed unsorted with sprats and/or other species or	(ii) any herring caught within ICES Divisions IIIb, c or ICES Division IIIId to the west of 16°00E , provided that the herring are landed unsorted with sprats and/or other species and that the herring do not account for more than 10% of the landings or
(Amendment 3)	
<i>Article 4, second paragraph</i>	
It shall apply from 1 January 1998.	It shall apply from 1 January 1999. The Council shall decide before 1 January 2003, on a proposal from the Commission and after prior consultation of the European Parliament, on modifications to this Regulation.

(*) OJ C 25, 24.1.1998, p. 19.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation specifying conditions under which herring may be landed for industrial purposes other than direct human consumption (COM(97)0694 – C4-0041/98 – 97/0353(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0694 – 97/0353(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0041/98),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 25, 24.1.1998, p. 19.

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- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0142/98),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

(b) A4-0139/98

Proposal for a Council Regulation amending for the seventh time Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound (COM(97)0675 – C4-0017/98 – 97/0354(CNS))

The proposal was approved.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending for the seventh time Regulation (EEC) No 1866/86 laying down certain technical measures for the conservation of fishery resources in the waters of the Baltic Sea, the Belts and the Sound (COM(97)0675 – C4-0017/98 – 97/0354(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, COM(97)0675 – 97/0354(CNS) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EC Treaty (C4-0017/98),
 - having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0139/98),
1. Approves the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 3. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 4, 8.1.1998, p. 6.

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(c) **A4-0201/98**

Resolution on industrial fisheries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0201/98),
- A. whereas industrial fisheries account for nearly 60% of the total catch in the North Sea, the Skagerrak and the Kattegat and thus represent a substantial proportion of the fishing activities of the EU fleet in this area,
- B. whereas industrial fisheries are a persistently controversial issue owing to the use of very small-meshed nets and the absence of limits on catches in certain fisheries,
- C. whereas industrial fisheries will attain greater acceptance only if their impact on the stocks exploited and on the entire marine ecosystem is scientifically monitored and is environmentally responsible,
- D. whereas this condition can be fulfilled only if total allowable catches are also established for the target species of industrial fisheries, with precautionary aspects in mind, and if the by-catches of juveniles of protected species are kept as low as possible,
- E. aware of the most recent measures to curb fisheries with heavy by-catches, such as the establishment of an absolute limit on herring by-catches in industrial fisheries, and the introduction of a comprehensive control and monitoring system by the Danish fisheries authorities,
- F. whereas there has been little Regulation to date of the sand eel fishery, in particular, although it brings in very large catches and despite the fact that the sand eel is an important source of food for certain species of fish used for human consumption, sea birds and marine mammals, and despite the fact that the current inadequate level of knowledge about biological interactions means that a negative impact by the sand eel fishery, at least locally, on the sand eel's natural predators cannot be ruled out,
- G. whereas the permitted by-catch percentage of protected species in the Norway pout fishery is clearly too high in biological terms and whereas an effective restriction on by-catches, especially of haddock and whiting, is still not being considered,
- H. whereas the objectives of the fourth Multiannual Guidance Programme (1997-2001) provide for a reduction in the catch capacity of the fleet engaged in fisheries for human consumption, and hence in the fishing mortality of certain stocks, of up to 30%,
1. Considers that industrial fisheries, in moderation, are justifiable in the North Sea, the Skagerrak and the Kattegat if they respect the principle of sustainability and if fisheries for human consumption take precedence in the event of conflicting interests;
2. Points out that if these conditions are to be met
- the impact of industrial fisheries on all species living in and from the sea must be accurately researched and monitored,
 - catch and by-catch limits based on scientific evaluations must be respected,
 - a rigorous control system must be established in ports of landing,
 - in cases where the data are unclear, the precautionary approach must be followed unreservedly;
- Controls and monitoring**
3. Notes that in industrial fisheries in the past there was evidently a very serious problem regarding controls over and the monitoring of the application of Community law, which was reflected in excessive catches of certain target species and in some cases a massive overshooting of the permitted by-catch percentage of protected species;

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4. Welcomes, therefore, the comprehensive monitoring system introduced by the Danish fisheries authority entailing frequent sampling, and also the first signs of a decisive reduction in by-catches;

5. Considers, however, that it will require several years to assess the effectiveness of this system and to be able to decide whether the measures taken are adequate;

The sand eel fishery

6. Considers that while the precautionary TAC for sand eel, introduced by the Council for the first time ever in its Regulation (EC) No 45/98 ⁽¹⁾ on total allowable catches and fishing conditions for 1998, is a first step in the right direction, it falls a long way short of what is needed;

7. Calls, therefore, for a management plan to be drawn up which will encompass management objectives with quantifiable factors such as fish mortality, biomass of the spawning stock and recruitment, as well as the establishment of early warning signs such as a decline in the geographical distribution of stocks, changes in the age structure of the spawning stock and a decline in the breeding success of sea birds;

8. Calls on the Commission to draw up a proposal for the introduction of protection zones in environmentally sensitive areas such as spawning grounds, the nursery areas of juveniles and feeding grounds for colonies of sea birds;

9. Calls on the Commission to propose legislation which would provide, in respect of the sand eel fishery, for the maximum permitted percentage of protected species, which is currently 10%, to be reduced to 2%;

The sprat fishery

10. Welcomes the total catch limit for herring taken in industrial fisheries, which was introduced in 1996, as the first really serious measure to bring under control the problem of the massive overshooting of permitted by-catches of herring, which occurs particularly in the sprat fishery;

11. Stresses, however, that the effectiveness of this measure stands and falls by rigorous controls in ports of landing, continuous monitoring and recording of the composition of catches and the prompt closure of the fishery once the by-catch limit is reached;

12. Considers, in view of the short time during which the total catch limit for herring taken in the sprat fishery has applied, that it is too early as yet to relax other conservation measures to offset this, as the Council intends to do by increasing the permitted by-catch percentage of herring taken in the sprat fishery in the North Sea from the current figure of 10% to 20%;

The Norway pout fishery

13. Regrets the fact that there has evidently been a lack of political will to date to curb effectively the heavy by-catches, particularly of whiting and haddock, in the Norway pout fishery;

14. Considers, however, that in view of the state of haddock and whiting stocks effective curbs on by-catches are urgently required, and therefore calls on the Council and the Commission, as a minimum measure, to take account of by-catches of protected species in the Norway pout fishery when total allowable catches are fixed annually and to include them in the catch quotas allocated to the various Member States;

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 12, 19.1.1998, p. 1.

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15. Stresses in conclusion that, owing to existing environmental and socio-economic interactions, industrial fisheries cannot be dissociated in the long term from the trend in fisheries for human consumption, and that the possibility that the fishing mortality of the target species of industrial fisheries will also have to be reduced substantially in future should be kept in mind;

16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the other countries bordering the North Sea.

3. Future of fisheries products — Fish product canning industry and aquaculture

(a) A4-0204/98

Resolution on the Commission communication, to the Council and the European Parliament on the future for the market in fisheries products in the European Union: responsibility, partnership and competitiveness (COM(97)0719 — C4-0029/98)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission communication, COM(97)0719 — C4-0029/98,
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3759/92 on the common organization of the market in fishery and aquaculture products ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A4-0204/98),
- A. whereas fish is a scarce resource, in Community waters as well as globally; whereas great efforts must be made to improve the management and utilization of this resource, in a responsible fashion,
- B. whereas responsible marketing of fisheries products with a view to legitimizing resource management measures and as a means of consolidating the development of the sector at international level is important,
- C. whereas wasteful practices cannot be tolerated and whereas the market policy, as well as all other parts of the common fisheries policy (CFP), must provide strong disincentives against such practices,
- D. whereas the Commission has a responsibility concerning the practice of responsible fisheries and should accordingly pay attention to trade in fisheries products, to ensure ever closer compliance at all stages of this trade, including both imports into and exports from the Community, with the conditions that are required for the sustainable development of fisheries, while not overlooking its duty to increase consumer awareness in this field by all available means, including guidance campaigns, labelling, etc,
- E. whereas the market in fishery and aquaculture products is marked by steadily increasing demand, a corresponding rise in import volumes and a diminishing proportion of Community products, which now make up little more than 40 per cent of the supply,
- F. whereas dependence on imports and the various international agreements to which the Community is a party limit the scope for protectionism; whereas this dependence on imports is the reason for the high level of entry of fisheries products into the EU at zero duty rates (at present some 65% of all fisheries imports),

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 388, 31.12.1992, p. 1.

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- G. whereas, as far as international competition is concerned, it is vital to seek to make the most of Community fresh produce, notably through product identification and a policy designed to improve quality,
- H. whereas the Community must nevertheless develop and consolidate its legitimate mechanisms for protecting its own producers and processors against unfair competition and support their efforts at strengthening their competitiveness; whereas the Community also has the duty to ensure a balance between the producer and processing sectors,
- I. whereas the Community must encourage efforts to strengthen the fishery products sector,
- J. whereas the expansion potential of the aquaculture sector, which already contributes more than 25 per cent of the Community fish supply in terms of value, is probably very large, but resources are needed to overcome problems and develop this potential, while taking due care to provide against the possible environmental consequences of this activity,
- K. whereas the results of the market policy so far have not been sufficiently analysed and discussed,
- L. whereas it should not be taken for granted that adjustments to the current market policy, rather than a concrete overhaul, produce the best results,
- M. whereas the EU market for fishery and aquaculture products is clearly affected by the objectives and results of other strands of the CFP, in particular those relating to conservation, control and structural measures,
- N. whereas problems in the market caused by failures in other CFP strands should preferably be remedied at source,
1. Calls on the Commission to present regular evaluations of the operation of the EU market in fishery and aquaculture products, including an assessment of the appropriateness of the measures in force in relation to the objectives of promoting quality, matching supply with demand, supporting fishermen's income and contributing to good management of the fish resources;
 2. Calls on the Commission to undertake a study to identify the relationships between marketing, resource and monitoring measures and the consequences of the failure to coordinate those measures which has been detected, and to submit concrete proposals in this connection;
 3. Considers that organization of the sector should be improved by enhancing the role of producers' organizations and by recognizing inter-trade organizations;
 4. Considers that producers' organizations should be supported with a view to promoting the centralization of supply, as a means of achieving higher producer prices and negotiating contracts with the processing and distribution sectors in the interests of a closer fit between supply and demand; considers also that financial support must also be provided to enable them to offer technical assistance to their members;
 5. Believes that the possibility of relying on market forces for the matching of supply and demand, rather than steering prices and intervening, should be investigated;
 6. Underlines that the market policy must under all circumstances be seen in its proper CFP context and that any contradictions between its various strands should be eliminated;
 7. Asks the Commission also to investigate whether the introduction of financial compensation for voluntary reduction of fishing effort would be a good way of compensating shipowners and fishermen, to allow for more effective management of resources;
 8. Calls on the Commission, in this connection, to take account of the need to develop the carry-over premium mechanisms to complement withdrawal aids; agrees that withdrawal and destruction should be reduced and the products concerned placed on markets other than the fresh fish market;

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9. Considers, therefore, that it is essential to stress the position that supplies of fresh fish to local markets should, as far as possible, be guaranteed by local producers; recalls the crucial role in this context of small-scale, non-industrial fisheries;
10. Welcomes, nevertheless, the fact that the Commission in its communication very clearly recognizes the importance of making market policy coherent with conservation policy, and calls on the Commission to present more specific proposals in this regard;
11. Calls on the Commission to develop further its ideas on how to reduce withdrawals and asks it to propose a quantitative target;
12. Notes with interest the idea of introducing catch plans as an instrument for achieving greater regularity of supply and to counteract the 'race for fish' that occurs in certain areas;
13. Considers that, in addition to the aid provided for catch plans, producers' organizations should be given financial support to enable them to offer technical assistance to producers (research into and promotion of selective fishing methods, development of methods and instruments to improve quality on board vessels, promotion of communication tools to facilitate forecasting etc.);
14. Agrees with the Commission that it is necessary to encourage the carry-over premium mechanisms, given their indisputable contribution to the regulation of supply, thus averting sharp price falls at times when the market is flooded with certain species;
15. Emphasizes that there is an urgent need to strengthen controls and believes that allowing fisheries products to be landed only at ports designated as having the capacity to carry out the necessary checks could considerably facilitate such efforts; recognizes, however, that such a system, if opted for, must be carefully designed so that it does not unduly complicate life for the fishermen;
16. Is concerned at the Commission's statement concerning the likely world market trend towards lowering or removing existing tariff protection; believes that, on the contrary, it is the Commission's duty to protect the Community's producers, as far as possible and while fully complying with its international obligations; considers in this connection that it is not desirable to introduce new tariff reduction or exemption measures in respect of third-country fisheries products, and that should such situations recur it would be preferable to apply the principle of reciprocity;
17. Considers, furthermore, that there should be closer distribution links, so as to improve the quality and certification of Community fisheries products;
18. Calls on the Commission to ensure the maintenance of reference prices and safeguard clauses as a baseline enabling the adoption, where necessary, of market protection measures as an emergency action in cases of serious disturbance of the market;
19. Wishes, however, to see Community fishermen and the Community processing industry protected from all forms of unfair competition; this should also include competition from third-country providers of fisheries products who can offer lower prices because they pay ultra-low wages, subject their employees to extremely hard working conditions, fish in ways that are incompatible with resource conservation, or offer fisheries products of suspect quality obtained under dubious health conditions; therefore asks the Commission to study what can be done to that effect;
20. Calls for account to be taken in trade with third countries of the problems of vessels flying flags of convenience and their catches in international waters, which are usually not compatible with either the principle of responsible fisheries or that of responsible trade, and thus seriously distort the conditions of competition on the market;
21. Calls on the Commission also to ensure that Community producers can compete with each other on a level playing field, meaning, inter alia, that Community support actions to some groups do not cause considerable damage to the competitive positions of other groups;

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22. Calls on the Commission to ensure that its forthcoming legislative proposal for the reform of the COM in fisheries takes account of the main needs relating to fisheries products on the Community market and, therefore, maintains and encourages all the policies tending to increase the supply levels of the Community industry itself, from international fisheries agreements to structural actions in favour of aquaculture, in addition to proactive intervention by the Commission in the international fisheries organizations with a view to obtaining improved fisheries quotas for the Union;
23. Insists, in addition, that the legislative proposal should cover the following five vital points:
- there should be an internal information system for improved market monitoring, including, if necessary, the compilation of a list of the species most sensitive to price disturbances; also required is an improved warning system in respect of possible price crises;
 - there should be suitable technical health controls, making it possible to certify the quality of Community products, with identifying labels where necessary; such controls should provide a guarantee that imports comply with the same health and hygiene norms as Community products; a Community reference laboratory should be set up for this purpose;
 - compliance with minimum labelling regulations for fisheries products should be ensured to improve consumer information;
 - public funding should be provided for operations to promote fisheries products with a regional identity, even if they do not have an official quality mark under Community protection (PDO, PGI) when they are subject to quality specifications monitored by an independent body;
 - the support measures for Community products should, given the circumstances of today's market, differentiate between fresh products, frozen products and products intended for processing;
24. Considers that, in relation to the Community's deficit in fisheries products, it is essential, as a matter of urgency, to introduce a system differentiating the treatment of products of joint ventures with Community capital from that of third-country imports proper; recalls that the joint ventures in question were encouraged by the Community for the specific purpose of ensuring priority supplies for its market and that their capital, means of production and employees are largely supplied by the Community;
25. Finds it advisable to take further measures to ensure that the CFP observes high standards in the matter of responsible fisheries before any Community-backed eco-label is launched;
26. Agrees with the Commission that if certification systems are to be adopted for responsible fisheries or aquaculture it will be necessary beforehand to define a suitable legal framework at Community level, with input from the entire fisheries sector and all other interested parties, to ensure that certification systems for responsible fisheries or aquaculture of a biased or ill-controlled nature do not result in serious distortions of the conditions of market competition;
27. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

(b) A4-0137/98

Resolution on the fish product canning industry and aquaculture in the European Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 148 of its Rules of Procedure,
- having regard to its resolution of 20 January 1989 on the fish processing industry ⁽¹⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 47, 27.2.1989, p. 176.

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- having regard to its assent of 6 June 1996 to the conclusion of a Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part ⁽¹⁾,

 - having regard to the working programme and results of the visit of the delegation of the Committee on Fisheries to Galicia from 4 to 6 September 1997,

 - having regard to the hearing of representatives of the industry at the meeting of the Committee on Fisheries on 21 January 1998,

 - having regard to the report of its Committee on Fisheries (A4-0137/98),
- A. whereas the fish product processing industry and aquaculture are an essential pillar of the common fisheries policy, complementing the work of the Community fishing fleet, which contributes to the supply of food products that are in deficit on the Union market and for which there is growing demand,
- B. whereas employment is at present one of the Union's top priorities and, as was made plain at the Luxembourg Council meeting of 20 November 1997, there is a need to promote industries which have a dynamic impact on economic activity, contribute to maintaining occupations that create stable jobs and help to preserve the economic and social fabric of the Union's regions,
- C. whereas the fish product canning industry and aquaculture in the European Union are a labour-intensive sector, made up largely of processes that are necessarily manual to safeguard the quality of product that the market requires, which involves some 50 000 direct jobs and some 25 000 additional ancillary jobs on Union territory,
- D. whereas the Community canning industry is facing huge difficulties, as a result of recent international trade agreements concluded by the European Union with third countries, such as those with Morocco and Turkey, which involve opening up the Community market to large quotas of preserves from those countries that compete with the Community industry's traditional products,
- E. whereas the cost of these trade agreements places an enormous additional burden on the canning industry, which is already undergoing radical restructuring, and whereas this burden must be offset by the other economic sectors that are major beneficiaries of the agreements,
- F. whereas the absence of an adequate framework of support measures for the present canning industries seriously threatens their survival, since they cannot compete with products from third countries with end-product costs that are much lower than the Union's, owing to the failure to require the technical and health conditions that are required in the Community and to the labour costs in these third-country industries, where workers' social security schemes either do not exist or are much more limited,
- G. whereas unless a special action plan is adopted for the industry as a matter of urgency, defining preserves as a sensitive product and containing political, economic and financial support measures for the Community industry, the trend towards relocating such industries in third countries will continue to grow, causing widespread job losses and problems of economic, social and regional cohesion in Europe, especially in the Union's less-favoured regions where it is proving difficult to find alternative economic activities,
- H. whereas canned products preserve a food's nutritional properties: proteins, carbohydrates, fats and vitamins and, to a large extent, their special characteristics, making them suitable for providing food aid during shortages or in emergencies,

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 181, 24.6.1996, p. 15.

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- I. whereas the consumption of fish product preserves and aquaculture in the Union doubled between 1989 and 1993; whereas there are good prospects of further growth and opportunities for developing the industry, which shows every sign of financial viability, provided that a proper supply of raw materials is guaranteed from the Community fleet's fishing activities or from imports on the international market,
- J. whereas the present good growth forecasts will enable the sector to be developed and modernized, increasing its production capacity, generating numerous jobs and reducing the present dependence on imports,
- K. whereas the extensive, complex and dispersed nature of Community law affecting the canning industry, which responds to the aims of various Community policies that are not always inter-coordinated, potentially giving rise to contradictory situations, is prejudicial to the proper application of a consistent body of law for the industry,
- L. whereas the Community canning industry is in the process of costly modernization to adjust to the technical, environmental and health requirements of Community law which are needed to provide consumers and citizens with a high level of protection,
- M. whereas the structural policy forms a pillar of the CFP, and whereas it must continue to be a vital support for the restructuring of a strong, economically healthy and competitive industry,
- N. whereas a feature of the present situation is the absence of an effective monitoring system for imports of preserves originating in third countries, with regard to production conditions, the quality of raw materials and compliance with technical and health standards for processing,
- O. whereas the absence of effective arrangements to identify accurately the origin of imports of raw materials and fish product preserves means, as has been found on many occasions, that there is a high degree of unfair competition facing the Community industry,
- P. whereas the tariff arrangements in force affecting imports of products competing with Community produce are unjustified in some cases or have lost their original justification, since they grant tariff advantages to countries that enjoy fairly high levels of economic development,
- Q. whereas the GSP drugs mechanism, which grants advantages in access to the Community market for fish products, especially tuna, originating in some countries on the American continent, has not fulfilled its original purpose of encouraging conversion from activities associated with the drugs economy,
- R. whereas there is an urgent need to carry out a reform of the common organization of the market to adapt it to the industry's new realities, in an increasingly globalized context, by adjusting the present mechanisms: reference prices, safeguard clauses, compensatory allowance, carry-over premiums, etc.,
- S. whereas the Community needs to tighten up its product quality policy, stimulate the industry's efforts by means of quality premiums, registers and labels and conduct promotional campaigns to advertise the quality of the European product,
- T. whereas differences are frequently apparent in the content of the preserve, the species, the elements used in its preparation and the techniques employed, and the information given on the labelling, which would normally mean that the consumer was being defrauded,
- U. whereas the quality and the technical and health conditions need to be scientifically monitored by specialized laboratories, imposing the same checks on imported products as on European ones,
- V. whereas the Community sardine industry is in extremely unfavourable circumstances, having been greatly damaged in the last few years by competition from preserves originating in third countries, resulting during this decade in a fall by more than 40% in Community exports and the closure of many industries based on Union territory,

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- W. whereas the tariff policy applied by the Community to imports of canned sardines is generous; whereas preserves originating in Morocco will be entering the Community market from 1999 under a regime of total liberalization, as a result of the terms of the Association Agreement,
- X. whereas the market in tuna preserves is substantial, accounting in the Community for almost 60% of the total production of fish preserves, and its consumption is expected to continue to increase,
1. Calls on the Commission to draw up a study on the situation in the fish product canning industry and aquaculture in the European Union, covering companies, trends in the industry in the last few years in the various Community countries, data on production, origin of raw material, volume of exports and imports, employment, technical and health standards, tariff arrangements and, in general, on the law applicable to the industry and codification of that law;
 2. Calls on the Commission to put forward proposals to the Council and Parliament to include a special plan of action and an overall support framework for the fish products canning industry, taking account of the present structural policy and the new regional policy guidelines for the period 2000-2006, the principles of which are being debated at the moment, and that will aim to provide the necessary financial support to secure a Community canning sector that is competitive in a global economy;
 3. Urges the Council and Commission to carry out a detailed analysis of Community tariff law affecting fish product preserves and aquaculture, with the aim of abolishing any advantages in access to the Community market that are no longer justified;
 4. Declares that in the event that the general interest of the Union's external trade relations or the development cooperation policy require maintaining certain imports that involve market access on terms that mean unfair competition for Community preserves, the latter should be declared sensitive products and compensatory aid should be allocated to the industry;
 5. Demands that inspections of products from third countries be stepped up, in accordance with Council Directive 91/493/EEC laying down the health conditions for the production and placing on the market of fishery products ⁽¹⁾, so that products from such countries are not subject to less stringent health requirements than Community produce;
 6. Takes the view that the Union should develop a supply policy that meets the real needs of the Community processing industry as a whole, supporting the Community fleet and guaranteeing access to the raw material needed at any time in the best conditions that the world market can supply;
 7. Urges the Commission to encourage promotion campaigns for Community fish product preserves, advertising their origin, quality, production safeguards and high nutritional value, to enable consumers to appreciate the excellence of Community products;
 8. Urges the Commission to propose the initiatives needed to set up a Community-level reference laboratory to safeguard the quality of Community products and products originating from third countries freely marketed on Union territory, and their compliance with technical and health standards;
 9. Urges the Commission and those responsible in the Member States to tighten up standards and improve the machinery for controlling fish products marketed on Union territory, verifying in a reliable manner that fresh and processed fishery products comply with the law on rules of origin;

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 268, 24.9.1991, p. 15.

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10. Supports the promotion of quality products, including raw materials that can be added to the various canning preparations, such as canning liquids, and in particular olive oil, for which it calls for measures to ensure that the price of olive oil is in line with the international price, in order to maintain the competitiveness of this kind of preparation, a symbol of the quality of the Community's canning industry; calls, in this context, for the mechanism of olive oil refunds for the industry under the COM for olive oil to be maintained and increased;
 11. Urges the Commission to promote and provide financial support for innovative methods and research into new production systems, new products, processing of species which at present have no commercial value and new forms of preparation and presentation;
 12. Underlines the importance of coordination between the production sector, the Community fleet and the processing sector, stressing the need to conclude long-term contracts between producers and their organizations and the processing companies that are favourable to both sides, ensuring their supplies at reasonable prices and on reasonable terms; believes that aid mechanisms for producers' organizations must be established to enable them to coordinate supply;
 13. Considers that there is a need to set up within the EU Anti-Fraud Unit (UCLAF) a department specializing in fisheries, capable of stepping in to investigate the correct application of the rules on product origin and Community legislation on the marketing and transport of fish products;
 14. Declares that the sardine industry represents an economic activity of major importance for many Community regions and points out that the sector is in a state of crisis, which requires the urgent adoption of protection measures, such as:
 - (a) provision of the necessary funds for the period 2000-2006 to assist restructuring of the industry, in addition to the appropriations provided for under the present Structural Funds;
 - (b) establishment of a compensatory allowance for sardines, for the Community canning industry and the maintenance of balanced storage aid, to prevent price fluctuations in the market as a result of seasonal flows in product supply for the canning industry. Such aid will need to be paid direct to canners as and when they can justify payment of the minimum production price;
 - (c) launching a Community-wide campaign, backed up by the necessary funds, to promote the consumption of sardines and products such as sardine preserves and sardine 'pâtés', bearing in mind the high nutritional value of this product;
 15. Declares that the tuna canning industry is the most important Community canning sector in terms of employment and the volume of trade, and that to encourage the huge growth prospects in this sector there is a need:
 - (a) to ensure there is a proper supply of the necessary raw material (fresh, frozen and ribs of tuna), giving priority to the Community fleet and opening new quotas for imports only when these are strictly needed for the Community industry;
 - (b) to ensure that compensation is granted to third countries for the purposes laid down in Community provisions, sustainable development (ACP), the fight against drugs (GSP-drugs, Andean Pact), and that countries which enjoy privileged access to the Community market do not operate in social dumping conditions;
 - (c) to carry out rigorous checks on the origin of products and the quality and technical and health conditions of imported products so as to prevent consumer fraud and unfair competition for the Community industry;
 16. Calls on the Commission and the Council, in view of the fact that canning preserves a food's nutritional properties and facilitates its storage and transport under optimum conditions, to promote the inclusion of Community canned goods in its policy of humanitarian food aid to needy countries;
 17. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council, and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.
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4. COM in oils and fats * (Rule 99)**Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (COM(98)0171 – C4-0229/98 – 98/0098(CNS))**

(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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(Amendment 37)

Recital 1

Whereas in February 1997 the Commission presented a Note to the Council of Ministers and to the European Parliament on the olive and olive oil sector, concluding on the need for a reform of the current common organization of the market in oils and fats; whereas that Note and the options for reform set out therein have been discussed within the Community institutions; whereas opinions concord on the need for reform; whereas, however, with a view to determining the best approach, more reliable information must be obtained, in particular on the number of olive trees in the Community, the areas planted and *yields*; whereas, given the time required to gather and analyse such data, the Commission has undertaken to present a proposal for a reform in the course of 2000 *for application from the 2001/02 marketing year*;

Whereas in February 1997 the Commission presented a Note to the Council of Ministers and to the European Parliament on the olive and olive oil sector, concluding on the need for a reform of the current common organization of the market in oils and fats; whereas that Note and the options for reform set out therein have been discussed within the Community institutions; whereas opinions concord on the need for **reform, on the basis of the actual production potential of the various Member States and the need to preserve olive-growing in the traditional areas, as well as the EU's leadership in production, marketing and innovation in the sector**; whereas, however, with a view to determining the best approach, more reliable information must be obtained, in particular on the number of olive trees in the Community, the areas planted and **real production levels, as well as the impact on employment, the economy, the environment and the intra- and extra-Community market**; whereas, given the time required to gather and analyse such data, the Commission has undertaken to present a proposal for a reform in the course of 2000;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 2

Whereas experience has shown that some adjustments *need to be made in the near future* to the current common organization of the market to *reduce the difficulties of operators in the sector, improve checks conducted by the national authorities and protect the Community budget better*; whereas provision should be made for the necessary adjustments to the present market organization and the relevant prices and amounts should be fixed for the marketing years from 1998/99 to 2000/01;

Whereas experience has shown that some adjustments **are required** to the current common organization of the market to **ensure that the aid scheme covers olive oil obtained from oil presses and/or from authorized olive-residue oil extractors**;

(Amendment 39)

Recital 2a (new)

Whereas the Commission must, following the recommendations of the Court of Auditors, establish, as soon as possible, a reliable and transparent system for ensuring

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control over expenditure in the sector, including, in particular, physical checks on the oil produced and an integrated management and control system, as well as suitable cooperation between the national and Community control bodies;

(Amendments 88 and 118)

Recital 3

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for production aid fixed on a flat-rate basis for producers whose average production does not exceed 500 kg; whereas the measure was intended in particular to reduce the administrative cost of checks of entitlement to the aid; whereas, however, changes to the production aid scheme, and in particular the rise in the proportion of expenditure on aid paid to small producers and the increase in the aid, *have transformed* the two-tier system of aid to *producers into a source of fraud*; whereas the provisions relating specifically to aid for small producers should accordingly be deleted;

Whereas Article 5 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC provides for production aid fixed on a flat-rate basis for producers whose average production does not exceed 500 kg; whereas the measure was intended in particular to reduce the administrative cost of checks of entitlement to the aid; whereas, however, changes to the production aid scheme, and in particular the rise in the proportion of expenditure on aid paid to small producers and the increase in the aid, **make it necessary for** the two-tier system of aid to **be abolished**; whereas the provisions relating specifically to aid for small producers should accordingly be deleted; **whereas, however, to avert environmental and social risks, a specific aid scheme should be established for small low-income holdings situated in areas with low rainfall in danger of erosion;**

(Amendment 41)

Recital 3a (new)

Whereas the abolition of the aid regime for small producers should be complemented by a special aid regime for ensuring the viability of small and medium-sized holdings, which account in some Member States for 55% of agricultural employment and play an essential role in keeping people on the land and preserving the environment; whereas this special aid regime should protect these holdings from penalties, and programmes should be encouraged for their preservation;

(Amendment 42)

Recital 3b (new)

Whereas aid to olive oil production should contribute to the establishment of a fair income for producers; whereas these producers are, for the most part, at a disadvantage since they are the owners of small olive-growing holdings in areas with particular problems in terms of unemployment and social development, while olive-growing is the main economic activity in certain geographical areas; whereas the Member States should be enabled to vary this aid on the basis of common criteria, to prevent distortions of competition and employment and regional problems;

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(Amendment 43)

Recital 4

Whereas the stabiliser mechanism for production aid is currently based on a maximum guaranteed quantity for the Community as a whole; whereas the maximum guaranteed quantity should be increased to take account of production trends;

Whereas the stabiliser mechanism for production aid is currently based on a maximum guaranteed quantity for the Community as a whole; whereas the maximum guaranteed quantity should be increased to take account of production trends, **increased Community consumption, average annual exports and a safety margin; whereas, at all events, production aid could be varied on the basis of such factors as job preservation and environmental protection;**

(Amendment 120)

Recital 4a (new)

Whereas the Commission has failed to comply properly or in time with the requirement laid down in Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 to submit a report on the operation of the olive oil aid scheme;

(Amendment 121)

Recital 4b (new)

Whereas special report No 2/98 of the Court of Auditors mentions the weakness of the checks on production aid for the years 1993, 1995 and 1996;

(Amendment 122)

Recital 4c (new)

Whereas under Regulation (EC) No 1463/96 acceptance of production figures for the 1994/95 marketing year is subject to settlement of accounts and whereas that procedure has been postponed;

(Amendment 124)

Recital 4d (new)

Whereas on 1 July 1998 the Court of Auditors, at the Commission's request, is to issue a report on checks on production and storage figures;

(Amendment 89)

Recital 7

Whereas the production aid is payable to the olive growers; whereas the latter must receive the aid in full, irrespective of the various reductions provided for in the Community rules;

Whereas the production aid is payable to the olive growers; whereas the latter must receive the aid in full, irrespective of **any financial compensation and** the various reductions provided for in the Community rules;

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(Amendment 27)

Recital 8a (new)

Whereas abolishing consumption aid would weaken the monitoring of production aid; whereas rigorous rules at Community level should be introduced to check information supplied by oil presses and bottling plants with regard to the oil produced and bottled;

(Amendment 4)

Recital 8b (new)

Whereas aid for olive-residue oil production shall only apply in instances where it has been obtained from authorized extractors; whereas it would be appropriate to create the corresponding rules;

(Amendment 163)

Recital 9

Whereas the provisions for promoting the consumption of olive oil in the Member States and third countries should be *maintained, clarified and strengthened*; whereas such measures are intended to *establish better* balance on the market and as a consequence the relevant expenditure should be deemed intervention within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy; whereas those provisions call for certain technical adaptations to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1970/80; whereas that Regulation should be repealed and its provisions incorporated, with the requisite amendments, in Regulation No 136/66/EEC;

Whereas the **legislative and financial** provisions for promoting the consumption of olive oil **and table oil** in the Member States and third countries should be **developed**; whereas such measures are intended to **preserve** balance on the market and as a consequence the relevant expenditure should be deemed intervention within the meaning of Article 3 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70 of 21 April 1970 on the financing of the common agricultural policy; whereas those provisions call for certain technical adaptations to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1970/80; whereas that Regulation should be repealed and its provisions incorporated, with the requisite amendments **and the budget amount remaining from the withholding of consumption aid** in Regulation No 136/66/EEC;

(Amendment 35)

Recital 9a (new)

Whereas the establishment of specific aid in favour of the industrialization of table olives will necessitate adopting corresponding rules;

(Amendment 129)

Recital 10

Whereas the system of public buying-in *constitutes a production incentive which is liable to destabilise the market*; whereas, if the supply of olive oil is to be regulated, *buying-in must be discontinued and* a system of private storage contracts by groups or associations within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC) No 952/97 *should be applied*; whereas the *references to the intervention price must accordingly be deleted or replaced*;

Whereas, **because olives are typically grown in rotation with other crops**, the system of public buying-in **must continue to be used to regulate supply from one marketing year to another**; whereas **experience shows that its impact on the budget is very modest**; whereas, if the supply of olive oil is to be regulated **in a given marketing year, it may be appropriate to apply** a system of private storage contracts by groups or associations within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC) No 952/97;

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(Amendment 5)

Recital 10a (new)

Whereas it is desirable to limit buying-in as far as possible; whereas the trigger market price for private storage applicable to those producer groups and associations thereof recognized for the oil they have produced within the meaning of Council Regulation (EC) No 952/97 should be fixed at 105% of the intervention price,

(Amendment 48)

Recital 11

Whereas the definitions of the categories of virgin olive oil in the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC refer to an organoleptic assessment based on a particular method; whereas methods of sensory analysis have improved recently, although they retain an inherent risk of some subjectivity; whereas the definitions in question should be amended to refer, where necessary, to more effective analysis methods;

Whereas the definitions of the categories of virgin olive oil in the Annex to Regulation No 136/66/EEC refer to an organoleptic assessment based on a particular method; whereas methods of sensory analysis have improved recently, although they retain an inherent risk of some subjectivity; whereas the definitions in question should be amended to refer, where necessary, to more effective analysis methods, **and, in particular, to any advances in sensorial and physico-chemical methods;**

(Amendment 49)

Recital 12

Whereas, in order to improve knowledge of and checks on the production of olive oil at the level of the individual producer, special attention should be paid to work on the olive cultivation register during the 1998/99 to 2000/01 marketing years; whereas, to take account of experience gained, the method used for other crops in the context of the Integrated Administration and Control System should also be applied for the olive cultivation register; whereas the Commission must therefore determine the measures to be taken and the arrangements and criteria to be complied with to achieve the creation of a Geographical Information System; whereas it is therefore necessary, to derogate from Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 and Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84;

Whereas, in order to improve knowledge of and checks on the production of olive oil at the level of the individual producer, special attention should be paid to work **aimed at preventing fraud and improving monitoring systems, especially those relating to physical checks on the oil produced, and** on the olive cultivation register during the **forthcoming** marketing years; whereas, to take account of experience gained, the method used for other crops in the context of the Integrated Administration and Control System should also be applied for the olive cultivation register; whereas the Commission must therefore determine the measures to be taken and the arrangements and criteria to be complied with to achieve the creation of a Geographical Information System; whereas it is therefore necessary, to derogate from Regulation (EEC) No 154/75 and Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84;

(Amendment 91)

Recital 13

Whereas *the options for the reform may encourage producers to plant new olive trees; whereas such new plantings would seriously jeopardise the future balance of the market, which is currently already in surplus; whereas, in order to forestall that risk, provision should be made at this stage to exclude new*

Whereas in order to forestall the risk of market surpluses for which it is difficult to find outlets a new planting scheme should be formulated and plantings should be subjected to effective monitoring by means of olive cultivation registers kept in all oil-producing Member States;

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plantings from eligibility under any future aid scheme, unless they are part of a programme approved by the Commission; whereas, owing to the time elapsing between the presentation of the Commission's proposal and its adoption, plantings from the month following the date when operators are notified of the Commission's intention in this respect should also be ineligible;

(Amendment 144)

Recital 13a (new)

Whereas the specific measures for table olives introduced by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1332/92 have proved ineffective in practice; whereas a viable aid scheme for the sector should therefore be established; whereas Regulation (EEC) No 1332/92 should be repealed in order to turn the available appropriations to account as a source of funding for the new measures;

(Amendment 145)

Recital 13b (new)

Whereas the natural composition of olive oil should be protected in the interest of producers and consumers in the Community; whereas some Member States have no rule whereby the name 'olive oil' is used exclusively to denote oils obtained from the fruit of the olive tree not mixed with oils of other origins; whereas this situation is distorting the market and confusing consumers;

(Amendment 51)

Recital 14

Whereas the need for a reform of the olive oil sector stems from the ultimate impossibility of maintaining certain measures provided for in Regulation No 136/66/EEC; whereas, despite the transitional adjustments provided for herein, the measures in question should be repealed with effect from 1 November 2001;

Whereas the need for a reform of the olive oil sector stems from the desirability of adapting the existing measures to the production circumstances of the various Member States and improving the effectiveness of the aid regime for oil producers;

(Amendment 13)

Recital 14a (new)

Whereas variations exist in national legislation on the possibility of marketing blends of olive oil and other oils which the consumer cannot determine, thus making him, potentially, an easy target for fraud; whereas the quality of the product should be preserved and the market situation clarified through a Regulation applicable throughout the EU;

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(Amendment 33)

Recital 14b (new)

Whereas the table olive is accorded low status in the European Union and finds itself at a disadvantage in relation to the olive used in producing oil; whereas it would therefore be appropriate to approve for it a scheme similar to that operating in the olive oil sector;

(Amendment 53)

Recital 14c (new)

Whereas the high production costs for olive oil lead to consumer prices which are higher than those for other vegetable oils; whereas in the main producer Member States the bottling of mixtures of olive oil and seed oil is prohibited; whereas the marketing of such mixtures is an instance of consumer fraud; whereas the 1997 UCLAF report revealed the existence of organized groups perpetrating fraud of this type; whereas it is therefore necessary to introduce a Community-wide ban on mixtures of olive oil with other vegetable oil, to reassure consumers and protect the Community budget;

(Amendment 54)

Recital 14d (new)

Whereas, in view of its importance, the European Parliament should have been consulted, under the procedure laid down in Article 43 of the EC Treaty, on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 laying down general rules on the granting of aid for the production of olive oil and of aid to producers' organizations;

(Amendment 56)

ARTICLE 1(1)

Article 2a(2) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

1. In Article 2a(2), the words 'intervention price' are replaced by the following:

'production target price, less production aid and an amount taking account of market variations and the costs of transporting the olive oil from the areas of production to the areas of consumption,'

Deleted

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(Amendment 57)

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 4(1) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

1. A production target price shall be fixed for the Community. That price shall be fixed at the wholesale marketing stage for ordinary virgin olive oil with a free fatty acid content expressed as oleic acid of 3,3 g/100 g.

1. **A target price, an intervention price and a representative market price** shall be fixed **each year** at the wholesale marketing stage for ordinary virgin olive oil with a free fatty acid content expressed as oleic acid of 3,3 g/100 g.

The representative market price for the marketing year concerned may be modified under the procedure set out in Article 38 should substantial changes of circumstance occur in the course of that marketing year.

(Amendments 29 and 58)

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 4(2) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

2. For the 1998/99 to 2000/01 marketing years, the production target price provided for in paragraph 1 shall be ECU 383,77/100 kg.

2. For the 1998/99 marketing year, the target price, the intervention price and the representative market price shall be:

(a) **target price:** ECU 383,77/100 kg;

(b) **intervention price:** ECU 180,58/100 kg;

(c) **representative price:** ECU 229,50/100 kg.

Private storage aid shall be ECU 5,4/100 kg for periods of two months.

(Amendment 102)

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 4(3) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

3. Save as otherwise decided by the Council acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, the olive oil marketing year shall run from 1 November to 31 October of the following year.

3. Save as otherwise decided by the Council acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission **and after consulting the European Parliament**, the olive oil marketing year shall run from 1 November to 31 October of the following year.

(Amendment 150)

ARTICLE 1(2)

Article 4(3a) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

3a. If, in any marketing year:

- **estimated olive oil production is greater than the maximum guaranteed quantity laid down for that marketing year, the intervention price in the following marketing year shall be reduced by applying a factor obtained by dividing the maximum guaranteed quantity by the quantity actually produced. The reduction, however, may not exceed 3%;**

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- **final olive oil production is greater or less than estimated production, the intervention price in the second year following the year of production shall be raised or lowered accordingly, without prejudice to the limit of 3% in any one marketing year.**

The reduction or increase in the current intervention price referred to in the first subparagraph shall be made each year by the Commission before the beginning of the marketing year in question.

(Amendment 28)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(1), second and third subparagraphs (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

The aid shall be granted to olive growers on the basis of the quantity of olive oil they actually produce.

Without prejudice to the different reductions provided for in the Community rules, the aid shall be paid in full to the olive growers.

The aid shall be granted to olive growers on the basis of the quantity of olive **and olive-residue** oil they actually produce **in an authorized extractor.**

(Amendment 93)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(1), third subparagraph a (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

Supplementary support measures shall be formulated for small producers with an average production of less than 500 kg of olive oil per marketing year and for producers in less-favoured areas.

(Amendment 10)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(1a) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

1a. Production aid shall be granted for table olives falling within code CN 07.09.9031 and provided to an authorized industry; the aid shall be granted to table olive producers at a rate of ECU 22/100 kg of olives for preserving.

(Amendment 152)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(2) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

2. For the 1998/99 to 2000/01 marketing years, the unit amount of the production aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall be ECU 142,20/100 kg.

2. For the 1998/99 to 2000/01 marketing years, the unit amount of the production aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall be ECU 142,20/100 kg **for olive oil and ECU 17,80/100 kg for table olives.**

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(Amendment 11)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(3), introduction (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

3. *The maximum quantity of olive oil to which the aid provided for in paragraph 1 shall apply shall be 1 562 400 tonnes per marketing year. That maximum guaranteed quantity shall be apportioned among the Member States as follows (national guaranteed quantities):*

3. **The maximum guaranteed quantity of olive oil and olive-residue oil and the equivalent in olive oil of table olive production shall be 1 800 000 tonnes per year.** That maximum guaranteed quantity shall be apportioned among the Member States (national guaranteed quantities).

(Amendment 94)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(4), first subparagraph (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

4. *Where actual production in any marketing year in certain Member States is less than their national guaranteed quantities, the sum of the shortfalls in question shall be distributed among the other Member States in proportion to their national guaranteed quantities.*

4. Where actual production in any marketing year in certain Member States is less than their national guaranteed quantities, the **shortfall** in question shall be **carried forward and added to the relevant Member State's maximum guaranteed quantity for the next marketing year.**

(Amendment 15)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(5) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

5. *With a view to checks of the quantity of olive oil eligible for the aid, olive and olive oil yields shall be fixed for each marketing year per homogeneous production area.*

5. With a view to checks of the quantity of olive oil eligible for the aid, olive and olive oil yields **and the monthly olive oil production of each authorized oil press** shall be fixed for each marketing year per homogeneous production area.

(Amendment 156)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(6) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

6. *Recognized producer organizations and associations thereof may be associated in the work of determining actual production as referred to in paragraph 4 and of establishing yields as referred to in paragraph 5.*

6. Recognized producer organizations and associations thereof **shall** be associated in the work of determining actual production as referred to in paragraph 4 and of establishing yields as referred to in paragraph 5, **and shall take responsibility for the accuracy of the information supplied for that purpose.**

(Amendment 130)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(6a) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

6a. Member States shall carry out the checks required to ascertain that the quantities of olive oil produced correspond to the quantities packed.

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(Amendment 157)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(6b) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

6b. Oil presses and first-stage processing industries manufacturing table olives may be classed as processing centres if they satisfy the conditions set out in Article 13 of Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84.

Every year, before 1 January, authorized processing centres shall inform the inspection agencies of the quantity of olives that they received and the quantities of olive oil or table olives processed and marketed in the preceding marketing year. Authorized oil presses shall likewise communicate the oil yields of the olives.

As and where appropriate, inspection agencies shall verify the information obtained from processing centres. Member States shall store that information in computer files in accordance with the conditions set out in Article 17 of Regulation (EEC) No 2261/84 with a view to further checks. They shall forward the information obtained from processing centres to the Commission.

Member States shall withdraw the authorization granted to processing centres which, deliberately or as a result of serious negligence, fail to comply with Community provisions in the olive oil sector.

(Amendment 96)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(7), first subparagraph (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

7. A percentage of the production aid *allocated to all or some producers* shall be used to finance *regional measures to improve the quality of oil production and its environmental impact in each producer Member State*.

7. A percentage of the production aid shall be used to finance **product promotion and marketing measures carried out by producer organizations and associations thereof**.

(Amendment 16)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(7a) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

7a. The Member States must have a system to monitor the oil marketed. In those Member States in which an inspection agency operates, the said agency shall be entrusted with carrying out the necessary checks to ascertain how the quantities produced and those packed compare.

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(Amendment 112)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(8) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

8. Acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, the Council shall lay down general rules for applying this Article.

8. Acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission **and after consulting the European Parliament**, the Council shall lay down general rules for applying this Article.

(Amendment 67)

ARTICLE 1(3)

Article 5(9) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

9. *The yields referred to in paragraph 5 and the detailed rules for applying this Article shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 38 of this Regulation and, where applicable, with that provided for in Article 13 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.*

9. The detailed rules for applying this Article shall be laid down in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 38 of this Regulation and, where applicable, with that provided for in Article 13 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 729/70.

(Amendment 68)

ARTICLE 1(4)

Articles 5a, 7 and 8 (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

4. *Articles 5a, 7 and 8 are deleted.*

4. (a) **Article 5a is deleted.**

(b) **Articles 7 and 8 are replaced by the following:**

‘Article 7

Taking account of the evaluation of the market as a whole in vegetable and animal oils and fats, the level of the representative market price shall be fixed with a view to the normal marketing of olive oil production.

Article 8

The production aid referred to in Article 5(2) shall be reduced by the target price for the purpose of fixing the intervention price. Account shall also be taken of the costs of dispatching olive oil from producer areas to consumer areas.’

(Amendment 69)

ARTICLE 1(5), introduction

Article 11 (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

5. *Article 11 is replaced by the following:*

5. **A new Article 11b is added as follows:**

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(Amendment 133/fin.)

ARTICLE 1(5)

Article 11(1), first and second subparagraphs, (a) to (d) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

1. The Community may undertake measures directly or indirectly in the Member States or third countries to provide information or to promote the consumption of olive oil produced in the Community.

The measures referred to in the first subparagraph may entail the following:

- (a) dissemination of existing knowledge, in particular regarding the nutritional qualities of olive oil;
- (b) market studies to expand the market for olive oil;
- (c) publicity, public relations and promotional campaigns to encourage the consumption of olive oil, in particular with a view to stressing *its* quality, and of products prepared with olive oil;
- (d) research work, in particular covering scientific study of the nutritional aspects of olive oil;

1. The Community may undertake measures directly or indirectly in the Member States or third countries to provide information or to promote the consumption of olive oil **and table olives** produced in the Community.

The measures referred to in the first subparagraph may entail the following:

- (a) dissemination of existing knowledge, in particular regarding the nutritional qualities of olive oil **and table olives**;
- (b) market studies to expand the market for olive oil **and table olives**;
- (c) publicity, public relations and promotional campaigns to encourage the consumption of olive oil **and table olives**, in particular with a view to stressing **their** quality, and of products prepared with olive oil **and table olives**;
- (d) research work, in particular covering scientific study of the nutritional aspects of olive oil **and table olives**;

(Amendment 97)

ARTICLE 1(5)

Article 11(2) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

2. The Commission shall send the Council a programme of measures it contemplates undertaking during the following marketing year(s). With a view to drawing up the programme, the Commission may in particular consult bodies specialising in market studies and publicity campaigns and research institutes.

2. The Commission shall send the Council a programme of measures it contemplates undertaking during the following marketing year(s). With a view to drawing up the programme, the Commission may in particular consult bodies specialising in market studies and publicity campaigns, research institutes **and recognized producer organizations**.

(Amendments 113/fin., 134 and 70)

ARTICLE 1(6)

Article 11a, first paragraph (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

The individual Member States shall take the necessary steps to penalise infringements of the aid scheme provided for in *Article 5*. Where infringements are reported by the inspection agencies provided for in *Regulation (EEC) No 2262/84*, they shall decide on action to be taken within 12 months of the report.

The individual Member States **and the Commission** shall take the necessary steps to penalise infringements of the aid scheme provided for in **Articles 5 and 11**. Where infringements are reported by the inspection agencies, **the Member States, in coordination with the Commission**, shall decide on action to be taken within **six** months of the report.

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*ARTICLE 1(6a) (new)**Article 11a, second paragraph a (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)*

6a. In Article 11a, the following paragraph is added after the second paragraph:

'Prior to submitting its application for aid, each producer organization shall ascertain that the figures provided by each olive grower in relation to the quantities of pressed olives and/or the quantities of olives supplied for preserving tally with the certificates issued by the respective industries.'

(Amendment 30)

*ARTICLE 1(7)**Article 12 (Regulation 136/66/EEC)*

7. Article 12 is deleted.

7. (a) The first subparagraph of Article 12(1) is replaced by the following:

'1. The intervention agencies designated by the producer Member States shall buy in during the months of the marketing year, in accordance with the rules adopted under paragraph 4, olive oil of Community origin which is offered to them by producers or producer groups and associations thereof recognized pursuant to Regulation (EEC) No 1360/78 at intervention centres in production areas.

(b) Article 12(3) is deleted.

(Amendment 72)

*ARTICLE 1(7a) (new)**Article -12a (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)*

7a. A new Article is added before Article 12a:

'Article -12a

The Council, acting by a qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, shall establish:

- (a) the conditions under which intervention shall take place in the last three months of the marketing year;**
- (b) the conditions under which the intervention bodies may offer the oil bought up for sale, in such a way that the market is not disturbed at the production stage;**
- (c) the criteria to be applied for the determination of the intervention centres.**

The detailed rules for implementing this Article shall be adopted under the procedure laid down in Article 38.

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(Amendment 31)

ARTICLE 1(8)

Article 12a (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

In the event of serious disturbance of the market in certain regions of the Community, a decision may be taken in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 to authorise producer groups and associations thereof recognised in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 952/97 to conclude contracts for the storage of olive oil that they market.

Should the market price of olive oil in one or more Community regions stand at less than 105% of the intervention price for that category for two weeks, the Commission shall authorize the Member States to conclude storage contracts with those groups and associations recognized in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 952/97, for the olive oil produced by their members.

(Amendment 98)

ARTICLE 1(8)

Article 12a, second paragraph (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

In the event of serious disturbances of the market the Commission may also, in accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38, authorize Member States to implement public intervention measures covering quantities and prices to be determined.

(Amendment 74)

ARTICLE 1(9)

Article 20(2) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

9. Article 20(2) is *deleted*.9. Article 20(2) is **replaced by the following:**

'2. The Commission shall fix the export levies for refined olive oil on the basis of the quantity of virgin olive oil required for the production of refined olive oil, or the quantity of olive-residue oil required for the production of refined olive-residue oil.

In the case of unrefined olive oil, the amount of the levy shall not exceed the CIF price minus the market price.'

(Amendment 24)

ARTICLE 1(10)

Article 20a (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

10. *The last subparagraph of Article 20a(2) and Article 20a(4) are deleted.***10. In Article 20a:****(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:**

'1. Olive oil used to manufacture mayonnaise under code CN 21.03.90.90.92, margarines under codes 151710 and 151790, canned fish under code CN 1604 (with the exception of sub-heading 160430), canned crustaceans and shellfish under code CN 1605 and canned vegetables under codes 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 210320, shall be eligible for a production refund.'

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(b) **the second indent of paragraph 2 is deleted and the last subparagraph is replaced by the following:**

'Funding shall be equal to the amount quoted in the first subparagraph.'

(c) **paragraph 4 is deleted.**

(Amendment 99)

ARTICLE 1(11)

Article 20d(1), first subparagraph (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

1. A percentage of the production aid shall be withheld from the amount paid to recognised producer groups and associations thereof under this Regulation. The resulting amount shall go towards the financing of activities under Article 5(6) and Article 20c.

1. A percentage of the production aid shall be withheld from the amount paid to recognised producer groups and associations thereof under this Regulation. The resulting amount shall go towards the financing of activities under Article 5(6) and Article 20c **and the cost of managing and monitoring activities under Article 2 of this Regulation.**

(Amendment 25)

ARTICLE 1(12a) (new)

Article 20e (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

12a. The following Article 20e is added:

'Article 20e

The marketing of blends of olive oil and seed oils in the European Union is prohibited.'

(Amendment 138)

ARTICLE 1(12b) (new)

Article 35(1a) (new) (Regulation 136/66/EEC)

12b. In Article 35, the following paragraph 1a is added:

'1a. The name 'olive oil' shall be used exclusively to denote oils obtained from the fruit of the olive tree not mixed with oils or fats of other origins.'

(Amendment 78)

ARTICLE 2(1), second subparagraph

The GIS shall be created using the data from the olive cultivation register. Additional data shall be supplied from the crop declarations attached to the aid applications. The information in the GIS shall be located using computerised aerial photographs.

The GIS shall be created using the data from the olive cultivation register. Additional data shall be supplied from the crop declarations attached to the aid applications. The information in the GIS shall be located using computerised aerial photographs **and the relevant field tests. For purposes of updating, use may be made of new advances in image, photogrammetric, satellite or other technology.**

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(Amendment 79)

ARTICLE 2(2), first subparagraph

2. The Member States shall verify that the information in the crop declarations corresponds to the information in the GIS. If this information does not correspond, the Member State shall carry out verifications and on-the-spot checks.

2. The **competent authorities of the** Member States shall verify that the information in the crop declarations corresponds to the information in the GIS. If this information does not correspond, the Member State shall carry out verifications and on-the-spot checks.

(Amendment 114/fin.)

ARTICLE 2(2), second subparagraph

The Commission shall determine the detailed rules and criteria for ensuring correspondence as referred to in the first subparagraph and the acceptable tolerance. It shall also lay down the detailed rules and intensity for the verifications and on-the-spot checks to be carried out during each of the three marketing years from 1998/99 to 2000/01.

The Commission shall determine the detailed rules and criteria for ensuring correspondence as referred to in the first subparagraph and the acceptable tolerance. **It shall inform the European Parliament on an annual basis of the results of those checks.** It shall also lay down the detailed rules and intensity for the verifications and on-the-spot checks to be carried out during each of the three marketing years from 1998/99 to 2000/01.

(Amendment 80)

ARTICLE 2(3), introduction

3. If, during the verifications and checks referred to in paragraph 2, the information in the crop declaration is found to be incorrect, particularly as regards the number of olive trees, the Member State shall apply, for one or more marketing years, and depending on the size of the discrepancies observed:

3. **Once the GIS information has been verified and checked against the actual data and** if, during the verifications and checks referred to in paragraph 2, the information in the crop declaration is found to be incorrect, particularly as regards the number of olive trees, the Member State shall apply, for one or more marketing years, and depending on the size of the discrepancies observed:

(Amendment 22)

*ARTICLE 2a (new)***Article 2a**

The Member States shall adopt all necessary measures to monitor and guarantee compliance with Community provisions governing the olive oil and table olive sector.

(Amendment 23)

*ARTICLE 2b (new)***Article 2b**

The Member States shall establish a system to grant authorization to oil presses, olive-residue extractors and industries and shall adopt the measures necessary to enable the inspection agencies to monitor compliance with Community provisions, and in particular:

- **to gain access to production, bottling and processing plants,**

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- to inspect company accounts, inventories and other documents required for inspection, and to obtain copies or extracts thereof,
- to obtain all relevant information, especially with the aim of ascertaining how the products supplied and the quantities actually obtained compare,
- to undertake an annual inspection of the authorized industries.

(Amendment 139)

*ARTICLE 2c (new)***Article 2c**

Once the GIS has been set up and a single system established to calculate yields in all parts of the Community, the Commission shall draw up proposals with a view to introducing additional aid for small low-yield holdings situated in arid zones with gradients of more than 10%.

(Amendment 100)

ARTICLE 3(1)

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the Commission may adopt the measures required for a smooth changeover from the arrangements in force for the 1997/98 marketing year to those resulting from the measures introduced by this Regulation.

1. In accordance with the procedure laid down in Article 38 of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, the Commission may adopt the measures required for a smooth changeover from the arrangements in force for the 1997/98 marketing year to those resulting from the measures introduced by this Regulation; **the measures under Article 5(3) of Regulation No 136/66/EEC, as amended by this Regulation, shall therefore apply from the 1997/98 marketing year.**

(Amendment 19)

ARTICLE 3(2)

2. On a proposal from the Commission to be presented in 2000, the Council shall decide on measures to replace the common organization of the market in oils and fats established by Regulation No 136/66/EEC *as from 1 November 2001*.

2. On a proposal from the Commission to be presented in 2000, **and in the light of the Council's analysis of the functioning of the organization of the market**, the Council shall decide on measures to replace the common organization of the market in oils and fats established by Regulation No 136/66/EEC, **provided that from its analysis it believes that the optimum functioning of the sector so requires, taking into account the social and economic characteristics of those areas of the European Union where this type of agriculture is predominant.**

(Amendments 141/fin. and 20)

ARTICLE 4, first and second paragraphs

No aid under the common organization of the market in oils and fats in force from 1 November 2001 may be paid to olive

From 1 December 1998 to 1 November 2001 new plantings of olive groves shall be prohibited.

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growers in respect of additional olive trees or the relevant areas planted after 1 May 1998 and those not covered by a cultivation declaration at a date to be determined.

However:

- additional olive trees in connection with the conversion of an old olive plantation, or
- new plantings

on areas covered by a programme approved by the Commission *may be taken into account within certain limits still to be determined.*

However, **the following shall be permitted:**

- additional olive trees in connection with the conversion of an old olive plantation or new plantings on areas covered by a programme approved by the Commission **before 1 May 1998,**
- **areas for use in olive-oil research, and**
- **regeneration of existing plantations.**

(Amendment 84)

ARTICLE 4a (new)

Article 4a

The sale and distribution of mixtures of olive oil with any other type of oil, and of mixtures labelled in such a way as to sow doubt in the consumer's mind where non-olive oils or fats are present, shall be prohibited.

The necessary checks shall be carried out to ensure that this prohibition is upheld. These checks shall be made at bottling plants and points of sale.

(Amendment 85)

ARTICLE 4b (new)

Article 4b

1. A system of aid shall be established for the production of table olives. This aid shall contribute to the achievement of fair income levels for the producers.

2. The aid referred to in paragraph 1 shall apply to a maximum guaranteed quantity for the entire EU, equivalent to 75 000 tonnes of olive oil.

3. The aid shall be granted to olive growers on the basis of the quantity of olives actually produced, provided they operate environment-friendly cultivation practices and hand their olives over to recognized enterprises.

4. For the payment of the aid, a system shall be established similar to that applying to olive oil, on the basis of actual production (for each marketing year, an average percentage for single fat content shall be fixed) and the relevant certificates from the processing industry.

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5. Since the certification of the olives received and processed is carried out by the authorized enterprise, the relevant control elements shall be established so as to check the quantity and suitability of the olives eligible for aid.

The checks to be made shall verify the correctness of the data supplied by the enterprise and the accuracy of the figures provided, as well as the degree of correspondence between the physical data and the records in the accounts at any time.

(Amendment 86)

*ARTICLE 4c (new)***Article 4c**

For monitoring purposes, the Commission shall, as a matter of urgency, adopt the necessary implementing Regulations in respect of the criteria and conditions to apply to the authorized olive presses and the relevant controls and guarantees.

(Separate vote)

*ARTICLE 5**Article 5***Deleted**

Articles 5, 11a, 12a, 13 and 20a of Regulation No 136/66/EEC are repealed with effect from 1 November 2001.

Regulations (EEC) No 3089/78 and No 1970/80 are repealed.

5. Set-aside requirement for 1999/2000 * (Rule 99)

Proposal for a Council Regulation derogating from Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 establishing a support system for producers of certain arable crops as regards the set-aside requirement for the marketing year 1999/2000 (COM(98)03661 – C4-0363/98 – 98/0213(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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(Amendment 4)

*ARTICLE -1 (new)**Article 2(6), second indent (Regulation (EEC) 1765/92)***Article -1**

In Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92 the second indent of Article 2(6) is suspended for the 1999-2000 marketing year.

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(Amendment 1)

ARTICLE 1

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, notwithstanding Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, the set-aside requirement referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article shall be set at 10%.

For the 1999/2000 marketing year, notwithstanding Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 1765/92, the set-aside requirement referred to in paragraph 1 of that Article shall be set at 5%.

6. ACP suppliers of bananas **I

A4-0237/98

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a special framework of assistance for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas (COM(98)0005 – C4-0263/98 – 98/0014(SYN))

The proposal was approved with the following amendments:

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(Amendment 1)

Recital 1a (new)

Whereas the European Union is bound by the undertakings it made to the ACP countries under the Lomé Convention, and more particularly its Protocol No 5, which seeks to guarantee maintenance for the ACP States of their advantages on the European market, access to that market in conditions that may not be less favourable than those that they previously enjoyed, and improvement of production and marketing conditions for ACP bananas;

(Amendment 2)

Recital 1b (new)

Whereas the Community banana regime and the trade preferences it involves are real instruments of development for a good many ACP countries;

(Amendment 3)

Recital 5

Whereas these modifications have substantially altered the market conditions for traditional ACP suppliers;

Whereas these modifications have substantially altered the market conditions for traditional ACP suppliers **and might, in particular, harm the most disadvantaged suppliers;**

(*) OJ C 108, 7.4.1998, p. 91.

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(Amendment 4)

Recital 7

Whereas technical and financial assistance, additional to that provided for in the fourth ACP-EC Convention, should therefore be granted to traditional ACP suppliers to enable them to adapt to new market conditions and in particular to improve competitiveness; whereas at the same time environment-friendly production and marketing methods should be encouraged;

Whereas technical and financial assistance, additional to that provided for in the fourth ACP-EC Convention, should therefore be granted to traditional ACP suppliers to enable them to adapt to new market conditions and in particular to improve competitiveness; whereas at the same time environment-friendly production and marketing methods **which also respect social standards** should be encouraged;

(Amendment 5)

Recital 7a (new)

Whereas the purpose of fair trade is to contribute to the fight against poverty and to the promotion of acceptable social and environmental conditions; whereas such initiatives should be encouraged;

(Amendment 6)

Recital 7b (new)

Whereas European consumers are increasingly prepared to buy 'fair trade' products and to pay slightly higher prices for them; whereas the European Union supports the goal of increasing the supply of bananas on the European market from producers that adhere to particularly high environmental and social standards; whereas, consequently, ACP banana producers should be granted support for converting their plantations to comply with such criteria and in obtaining certification;

(Amendment 7)

Recital 7c (new)

Whereas it is necessary to foster alternative economic activities for those growers least able to adapt to new market conditions; whereas the programme of technical and financial assistance should therefore be extended to include aid for diversification; whereas this will only be possible if the sum allocated for this programme is sufficient to meet the real needs of ACP suppliers and is provided for a long enough period to cover the period of crisis;

(Amendment 8)

Recital 7d (new)

Whereas special measures will be necessary to enable growers to maintain quality and productivity in the period immediately following introduction of the amended regime, before the programmes of assistance have been implemented;

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(Amendment 9)

Recital 10a (new)

Whereas a specific situation, comprising a lack of government and of a recognized legitimate authority, has prevailed in Somalia for many years; whereas, until such an authority is reconstituted and recognized, in order to enable Somali banana producers, under the supervision of a body or organization designated by the EC, to benefit immediately from all the provisions of this Regulation, the Commission and the representatives of the Member States should take account of the situation regarding the organization of public authority in Somalia and do whatever is possible to facilitate forthwith the resumption and improvement of banana marketing;

(Amendment 10)

Recital 10b (new)

Whereas it is essential to establish special rules to deal, with immediate and practical effect, with the special characteristics and difficulties of the present situation of the banana sector in Somalia, so as to ensure its swift recovery; whereas these are also necessary to deal with the consequences of the serious floods which devastated Somalia at the end of 1997 and the beginning of 1998;

(Amendment 11)

Article 1(1)

1. A special *framework* for technical and financial assistance is hereby established to assist traditional ACP suppliers of bananas to adapt to the new market conditions following the amendments introduced to the common organization of the market in bananas by Regulation (EC) No .../98.

1. A special **system** for technical and financial assistance is hereby established to assist traditional ACP suppliers of bananas to adapt to the new market conditions following the amendments introduced to the common organization of the market in bananas by Regulation (EC) No .../98.

(Amendment 12)

Article 1(2)

2. This special *framework* shall be implemented for a period *not exceeding* ten years *starting on 1 January 1999*.

2. This special **system** shall be implemented for a period of ten years **starting from its date of implementation, at the end of which it may, in the light of adjustments achieved and changes on the market, be renewed as it stands or revised. It shall take the form of technical and financial assistance including an income system based on criteria which take particular account of the interests of the most disadvantaged suppliers, and shall exclude any diversification programmes.**

(Amendment 13)

Article 1(2a) (new)

2a. The Commission shall undertake to encourage diversification in the ACP countries through the creation of a special fund.

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(Amendment 14)

Article 2, second indent

— 'bananas' means fresh or dried bananas covered by CN code 0803 00 19.

— 'bananas' means fresh or dried bananas covered by CN code 0803 00 19, **excluding plantains.**

(Amendment 15)

*Article 2a (new)***Article 2a**

In view of the specific situation in Somalia, until a government has been legitimately recognized traditional ACP suppliers shall, in the case of Somalia, be understood to mean the producers themselves and their representative organizations.

(Amendment 16)

Article 3(1)

1. Traditional ACP suppliers shall be eligible for technical and financial assistance.

1. **All traditional ACP suppliers, together with those in the Dominican Republic and Ghana, shall be eligible for technical and financial assistance, which must, to the fullest possible extent, directly benefit producers through the expeditious provision of support.**

(Amendment 17)

Article 3(1a) (new)

1a. Income support shall be paid solely to the most disadvantaged traditional ACP suppliers.

(Amendment 18)

Article 3(2), first indent

— increasing productivity, without causing damage to the environment,

— increasing productivity, without causing damage to the environment **and while complying with minimum social standards relating to working conditions,**

(Amendment 19)

Article 3(2), fourth indent

— establishing producers' organizations which have as their objective the improvement of the marketing and competitiveness of their products and the development of systems for certifying environment-friendly production methods,

— **assisting producer and farmers' organizations to improve competitiveness and increase market opportunities by supporting initiatives to enable producers to fulfil the social and environment-friendly criteria established by European and internationally recognized fair trade and organic produce importers and marketing organizations,**

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(Amendment 20)

Article 3(2), fifth indent

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — developing a production and/or marketing strategy to meet the requirements of the market in the Community in the light of the common organization of the market in bananas, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — developing and operating a production and/or marketing strategy, in consultation with producer and farmers' organizations, to meet the requirements of the market in the Community in the light of the common organization of the market in bananas, |
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(Amendment 21)

Article 3(2), sixth indent

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — assisting with training, market intelligence, the development of environment-friendly production methods, improving the distribution infrastructure and improving commercial and financial services to banana producers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — assisting with training, market intelligence, the development of environment-friendly production methods, implementing social projects relating to improvements in the working conditions and lives of workers, improving the distribution infrastructure and improving commercial and financial services to banana producers, in consultation with producer and farmers' organizations. |
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(Amendment 22)

Article 3(2a) (new)

2a. Producers of fair trade bananas, together with the agencies which provide 'fair trade' certification, shall be eligible for special support measures associated with technical and financial assistance.

(Amendment 35)

Article 3(2b) (new)

2b. In countries where, after consultations with banana producers, the Commission establishes that competitiveness on the world market will not be possible even after a 5 to 10 year transitional period and assistance, the funds under this Regulation may also be made available for diversification, i.e. to promote other sectors such as crafts or tourism or to promote other agricultural products.

(Amendment 23)

Article 3(2c) (new)

2c. Technical and financial assistance shall also be granted to contribute to programmes to assist diversification into other economic sectors and shall include the provision of investment and support for human resource development.

(Amendment 24)

Article 4, second paragraph (new)

The Commission shall, however, make funds available outside these programmes in the first years of the amended

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regime for urgent measures necessary to enable growers to improve and maintain quality and productivity.

(Amendment 25)

Article 4, third paragraph (new)

The Commission and Member States, in partnership with traditional ACP suppliers and in coordination with the private sector, civil society and international bodies, shall support and develop a strategy to diversify traditional ACP States with a heavy dependence on banana exports.

(Amendment 26)

*Article 4a (new)***Article 4a**

Where Somalia is concerned, the Commission shall determine, after consulting the committee referred to in Article 7, the organization representing Somali producers which is deemed an appropriate body for holding discussions and negotiations with the Commission.

(Amendment 27)

Article 5(1)

1. Within the global amount available for a given year, the Commission shall fix the maximum amount available to each traditional ACP supplier for the financing of the programmes referred to in Article 3(2), taking into account the *level of competitiveness* and the *importance* of banana production *for the economy of the country concerned*.

1. Within the global amount available for a given year, the Commission shall fix the maximum amount available to each traditional ACP supplier for the financing of the programmes referred to in Article 3(2), taking into account the competitiveness **gap vis-à-vis bananas from competing third countries** and the **socio-economic impact** of banana production on the country concerned, **as well as the conditions relating to the policy of regional integration and diversification of agricultural exports.**

(Amendment 28)

Article 5(1a) (new)

1a. The funds available should primarily benefit small independent producers. Multinational firms, i.e. firms that operate banana plantations in more than one State, shall not be eligible for assistance under this Regulation.

(Amendment 29)

Article 6, second paragraph (new)

In view of the specific situation in Somalia, the volume of exports to be used to calculate the reference price shall correspond to the best export result achieved by Somalia prior to 1991.

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(Amendment 30)

*Article 6a (new)***Article 6a**

The Commission shall undertake to implement a transparent technical and financial assistance mechanism enabling producers or producer organizations either to pass aid on or to benefit from it as directly as possible.

(Amendment 31)

*Article 6b (new)***Article 6b**

The total financial framework is estimated at ECU 500 million ⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ Declaration by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 6 March 1995 on the incorporation of financial provisions into legislative acts (OJ C 102, 4.4.1996, p. 4).

(Amendment 32)

*Article 6c (new)***Article 6c**

The reduction coefficient shall be applied from the year 2004 to suppliers who have not made sufficient effort to increase their competitiveness.

(Amendment 33)

*Article 7a (new)***Article 7a**

By 31 December 2000, and every two years thereafter, the Commission shall present a report on the operation of this Regulation to the European Parliament and the Council. The report shall focus especially on the improvement of the competitiveness of the banana sector in the traditional ACP banana-supplying countries and on trends in incomes of banana producers.

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a special framework of assistance for traditional ACP suppliers of bananas (COM(98)0005 – C4-0263/98 – 98/0014(SYN))

(Cooperation procedure: first reading)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council, (COM(98)0005 – 98/0014(SYN)) ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 189c and 130w of the EC Treaty (C4-0263/98),

⁽¹⁾ OJ C 108, 7.4.1998, p. 91.

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- having regard to Rule 58 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (A4-0237/98),
1. Approves the Commission proposal, subject to Parliament's amendments;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 189a(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to incorporate Parliament's amendments in the common position that it adopts in accordance with Article 189c(a) of the EC Treaty;
 4. Calls for the conciliation procedure to be opened should the Council intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 5. Asks to be consulted again should the Council intend to make substantial modifications to the Commission proposal;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this opinion to the Council and Commission.

7. Information society

B4-0582, 0586, 0590, 0591, 0592 and 0593/98

Resolution on the information society, the management of the Internet and democracy

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the immense opportunities for the exchange of data and knowledge offered by information and public service networks, as well as the economic opportunities in terms of jobs, exports and combating regional isolation,
- B. whereas the European Union must help to strengthen a framework within which political, legal, social, economic and cultural measures must be implemented that will ensure that the development of the information society benefits all members of society,
- C. whereas freedom of expression is one of the foundations of democratic societies; whereas interactive use of the new facilities made available by the information society, in particular the Internet, could open the way to strengthening democracy by increasing transparency,
- D. whereas public access to the activities and acts of the bodies of the European Union, States and territorial public entities is a constituent element of democracy,
- E. whereas globalization of the Internet requires an international regulatory framework based on fair competition and favouring both the rapid expansion of private investment and safeguards for public and individual interests, including the protection of cultural and linguistic diversity and the protection of human dignity and minors,
- F. pointing out that access for all citizens to these new technologies will be essential in order to prevent socio-economic exclusion,
- G. whereas it is important that these developments do not further isolate the developing world,
- H. whereas it is essential to ensure that these new communication and information services benefit all the countries of Europe and all their citizens,
- I. whereas certain US universities with the support of the US government and business sectors have taken the initiative to develop a new, faster and more powerful network called Internet 2,
- J. having regard to the need to avoid uniform content, with the aim of respecting and promoting the cultural and linguistic diversity of the peoples of Europe,

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1. Calls on the Union and the Member States to make a political commitment to building an information society, encouraging the development of the new technologies and the new communication and information services, for the benefit of both the private and the business market;
 2. Calls on Member States and governments to include a civic studies component in the syllabuses of their education and training systems to enable the general public to develop skills of critical analysis in confronting the super-abundance of information delivered by the mechanisms of the information society;
 3. Calls on Member States and the Commission to realize the potential for using the new technologies for educational purposes, in particular for developing continuing and distance education, language-learning, the networking of educational and training establishments, so as to promote virtual mobility and exchanges of information and experience in this area;
 4. Considers that the EU should aim to lead the field in certain key areas; in particular, EU policy in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) should devote more attention to voice and language technology in order to turn existing know-how and experience of multilingualism into a global competitive advantage;
 5. Invites the Commission to carry out a study on the impact and potential of the new technologies which are in the process of being introduced into European society and also of those which have yet to be implemented, such as Internet 2;
 6. Calls on the Commission to draw up a draft recommendation aimed at ensuring public access to these new services that takes into account in particular access and financing arrangements (free-of-charge Internet access points for access to institutional or public-service information), together with efforts to educate users in compliance with democratic values and raise public awareness of them;
 7. Calls on all political and legislative bodies to use the Internet as a means of making the public aware of decisions being taken, thus strengthening public awareness of the political process;
 8. Calls on Member States to ensure that the new facilities are used to promote freedom of speech and information, exchanges between cultures, education and civic participation in public life, in particular in relation to EU enlargement or international contacts with countries whose peoples live under authoritarian and repressive regimes;
 9. Stresses once again the need to open, as soon as possible, free-of-charge Internet access points to familiarize the public with this new tool and give people the skills required to have access to institutional or public service information (in schools, libraries and neighbourhood centres);
 10. Calls on the Council and the Member States to reassert the need for an international approach to ensure the development of new technologies and new information services;
 11. Calls on the Commission to keep Parliament regularly informed of the progress of discussions in international organizations and of the evolution of any proposals by the US in the field; calls on the Member States to coordinate their positions on the subjects to be discussed at the conference on electronic commerce to be held in Ottawa in October 1998, namely data protection, the management and implementation of fiscal regulations, consumers' rights and electronic signatures;
 12. Calls for promotion of the audiovisual networking of all the acts of European Union bodies and national and territorial bodies in their entirety, and in particular for on-line audiovisual transmission of sittings of the European Parliament and of the public sittings of the other institutions;
 13. States its firm intention to make all its legislative documents and ongoing work and petitions accessible through the Internet;
 14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of states applying for accession, the Committee of the Regions and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
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The following signed:

Aelvoet, Aldo, Amadeo, Anastassopoulos, d'Ancona, André-Léonard, Angelilli, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Areitio Toledo, Avgerinos, Azzolini, Baldarelli, Baldi, Balfe, Bardong, Barón Crespo, Barthet-Mayer, Barton, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bertens, Berthu, Blokland, Blot, Bösch, Bontempi, Boogerd-Quaak, Botz, Bourlanges, Breyer, Buffetaut, Burtone, Cabezón Alonso, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Carnero González, Castagnède, Castagnetti, Colino Salamanca, Colli, Collins Kenneth D., Colombo Svevo, Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Costa Neves, Cot, Cox, Cunningham, Cushnahan, van Dam, D'Andrea, Dankert, Dary, Daskalaki, David, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Dell'Alba, De Melo, Deprez, Desama, de Vries, van Dijk, Dillen, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Dührkop Dührkop, Dupuis, Eisma, Elchlepp, Ephremidis, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fabre-Aubrespy, Falconer, Féret, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Ford, Fraga Estévez, Friedrich, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García Arias, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garot, Garriga Polledo, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Gil-Robles Gil-Delgado, Girão Pereira, Glase, Goerens, Görlach, González Álvarez, Graenitz, Graziani, Green, Grossetête, Guinebertière, Gutiérrez Díaz, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hager, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hatzidakis, Haug, Hawlicek, Heinisch, Hendrick, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Hoff, Holm, Hory, Hughes, Imaz San Miguel, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jean-Pierre, Jöns, Kaklamanis, Karamanou, Karoutchi, Katiforis, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Kerr, Kindermann, Kofoed, Kokkola, Konrad, Kreissl-Dörfler, Kuhn, Lage, Lambraki, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Larive, Lehideux, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lindeperg, Lukas, Lulling, Macartney, McCartin, McKenna, McMahon, Malangré, Manisco, Mann Erika, Mann Thomas, Marinucci, Maset Campos, Martens, Martin David W., Martin Philippe-Armand, Martínez, Medina Ortega, Mendes Bota, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mezzaroma, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Mohamed Ali, Mombaur, Moniz, Mosiek-Urbahn, Musumeci, Mutin, Myller, Nassauer, Needle, Nordmann, Novo, Olsson, Orlando, Pack, Pailler, Palacio Vallelersundi, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pasty, Pérez Royo, Pex, Piha, Pinel, des Places, Poettering, Poggiolini, Poisson, Pomés Ruiz, Pompidou, Pons Grau, Porto, Posselt, Provan, Puerta, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Rapkay, Redondo Jiménez, Rehder, Robles Piquer, Rosado Fernandes, Roth, Rothe, Roubatis, Rübig, Sakellariou, Santini, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schäfer, Schaffner, Schiedermeier, Schlechter, Schleicher, Schröder, Schroedter, Schulz, Schwaiger, Secchi, Sichrovsky, Sisó Cruellas, Skinner, Smith, Sonneveld, Sornosa Martínez, Souchet, Soulier, Stockmann, Striby, Tajani, Tannert, Tatarella, Taubira-Delannon, Telkämper, Terrón i Cusí, Teverson, Theato, Thomas, Thors, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Titley, Tongue, Trakatellis, Trizza, Truscott, Tsatsos, Ullmann, Vallvé, Valverde López, Vanhecke, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, Vaz da Silva, van Velzen W.G., Verwaerde, Viola, Voggenhuber, Walter, Watson, Weber, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Wiebenga, Wieland, Willockx, Wilson, von Wogau, Wolf, Wynn, Zimmermann

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ANNEX

Result of roll-call votes

- (+) = For
 (−) = Against
 (O) = Abstention

1. *McCartin report — A4-0204/98**Amendment 12*

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis, Hory, Macartney, Taubira-Delannon, Weber**GUE/NGL:** Carnero González, Ephremidis, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Marset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Novo, Puerta, Sornosa Martínez**I-EDN:** Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, des Places, Souchet**NI:** Dillen, Pinel**PPE:** Grossetête**PSE:** d'Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barton, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Corbett, Correia, Cot, Cunningham, Dankert, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Ford, Frutos Gama, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hughes, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kokkola, Kuhn, Lage, Lindeperg, Mann Erika, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Moniz, Mutin, Myller, Needle, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Rapkay, Rothe, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schlechter, Schulz, Skinner, Smith, Stockmann, Tannert, Thomas, Titley, Tongue, Truscott, Tsatsos, Walter, Wemheuer, White, Willockx, Wilson, Wynn, Zimmermann**UPE:** d'Aboville, Aldo, Daskalaki, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Karoutchi, Mezzaroma, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner**V:** Aelvoet, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Orlando, Roth, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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PPE: Vaz da Silva

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2. *McCartin report – A4-0204/98**Amendment 14*

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ARE: Castagnède, Hory, Macartney, Taubira-Delannon, Weber**I-EDN:** Berthu, des Places, Souchet**NI:** Amadeo, Dillen, Hager, Lukas, Pinel**PPE:** Grossetête, Verwaerde**UPE:** d'Aboville, Aldo, Daskalaki, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Karoutchi, Mezzaroma, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner**V:** Aelvoet, van Dijk, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Orlando, Roth, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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PPE: Vaz da Silva**PSE:** Lage3. *McCartin report – A4-0204/98**Amendment 18*

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ARE: Castagnède, Dupuis, Hory, Macartney, Taubira-Delannon, Weber**ELDR:** Nordmann**I-EDN:** Berthu, des Places, Souchet

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PPE: Grossetête, Pomés Ruiz, Vaz da Silva, Verwaerde

PSE: Falconer, White

UPE: d' Aboville, Aldo, Daskalaki, Girão Pereira, Guinebertière, Karoutchi, Mezzaroma, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Breyer, van Dijk, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Orlando, Roth, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Boogerd-Quaak, Cox, de Vries, Eisma, Kofoed, Mulder, Teverson, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Ephremidis

I-EDN: Blokland, van Dam

NI: Hager, Lukas

PPE: Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Azzolini, Baldi, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Bourlanges, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Castagnetti, Colli, Colombo Svevo, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fraga Estévez, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Gillis, Glase, Graziani, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lhideux, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, Malangré, Malerba, Martens, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mombaur, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pex, Piha, Poettering, Poggiolini, Posselt, Provan, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santini, Schiedermeier, Schleicher, Schröder, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Tajani, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Wieland, von Wogau

PSE: d' Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barton, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cot, Cunningham, David, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Fantuzzi, Ford, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hughes, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kokkola, Kuhn, Lambraki, Lindeperg, McMahan, Mann Erika, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Mutin, Myller, Needle, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Pons Grau, Rapkay, Rehder, Rothe, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schlechter, Schulz, Skinner, Smith, Stockmann, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tongue, Truscott, Tsatsos, Walter, Wemheuer, Willockx, Wynn, Zimmermann

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GUE/NGL: González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Novo, Puerta

PPE: Porto

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Amendment 20

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ARE: Castagnède, Dary, Dupuis, Hory, Macartney, Taubira-Delannon, Weber

ELDR: Nordmann

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, Ephremidis, González Álvarez, Gutiérrez Díaz, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Novo, Pailler, Puerta

I-EDN: Berthu, des Places, Souchet

NI: Amadeo, Dillen, Martinez, Pinel

PPE: Bourlanges, Grossetête, Imaz San Miguel, Nassauer

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PSE: d'Ancona, Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Baldarelli, Balfe, Barón Crespo, Barton, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Collins Kenneth D., Colom i Naval, Correia, Cunningham, David, De Giovanni, Delcroix, Desama, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Falconer, Fantuzzi, Ford, García Arias, Garot, Gebhardt, Ghilardotti, Graenitz, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Haug, Hawlicek, Hendrick, Hughes, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Jöns, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kindermann, Kinnock, Kokkola, Kuhn, Lambraki, Lindeperg, McMahon, Mann Erika, Marinucci, Martin David W., Medina Ortega, Miller, Miranda de Lage, Mutin, Myller, Needle, Panagopoulos, Papakyriazis, Pérez Royo, Peter, Pons Grau, Rapkay, Rothe, Roubatis, Sakellariou, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schlechter, Schulz, Skinner, Smith, Stockmann, Tannert, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tongue, Truscott, Tsatsos, Walter, Weiler, Wemheuer, White, Willockx, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: d'Aboville, Aldo, Daskalaki, Guinebertière, Karoutchi, Mezzaroma, Pasty, Poisson, Pompidou, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

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ELDR: André-Léonard, Bertens, Boogerd-Quaak, Cox, Eisma, Goerens, Kofoed, Mulder, Olsson, Teverson, Thors, Vallvé, Watson, Wiebenga, Wijsenbeek

I-EDN: Blokland, van Dam

NI: Hager

PPE: Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Azzolini, Baldi, Bardong, Bennasar Tous, Berend, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Castagnetti, Colli, Colombo Svevo, Costa Neves, Cushnahan, D'Andrea, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fraga Estévez, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Gillis, Glase, Graziani, von Habsburg, Habsburg-Lothringen, Hatzidakis, Heinisch, Herman, Hernandez Mollar, Kellett-Bowman, Keppelhoff-Wiechert, Konrad, Lambrias, Langen, Langenhagen, Lehideux, Lehne, Lenz, Liese, Lulling, McCartin, Malerba, Martens, Méndez de Vigo, Menrad, Mosiek-Urbahn, Oomen-Ruijten, Pack, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pex, Piha, Poettering, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Provan, Quisthoudt-Rowohl, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santini, Schiedermeier, Schleicher, Schröder, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Soulier, Tajani, Theato, Thyssen, Tillich, Tindemans, Trakatellis, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Verwaerde, Viola, Wieland, von Wogau

V: Aelvoet, Breyer, van Dijk, Holm, Kerr, Kreissl-Dörfler, McKenna, Roth, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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PPE: Vaz da Silva

V: Orlando

5. C4-0229/98

Amendment 11 (first part)

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ELDR: Goerens, Kofoed

GUE/NGL: Camero González, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Novo, Pailler, Puerta

I-EDN: Berthu, Fabre-Aubrespy, des Places, Souchet

NI: Martinez, Pinel

PPE: Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Bennasar Tous, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Castagnetti, D'Andrea, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fraga Estévez, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Grossetête, von Habsburg, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Lulling, Martens, Méndez de Vigo, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pex, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Provan, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübig, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Schiedermeier, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Thyssen, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Wieland

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PSE: Aparicio Sánchez, Barón Crespo, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Colom i Naval, Dührkop, Dührkop, García Arias, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Medina Ortega, Miranda de Lage, Pérez Royo, Pons Grau, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Terrón i Cusí

UPE: Aldo, Pasty, Rosado Fernandes

V: Aelvoet, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Orlando, Schroedter, Telkämper, Voggenhuber, Wolf

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ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak, Thors

GUE/NGL: Manisco

I-EDN: Blokland, van Dam

NI: Amadeo

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Hatzidakis, Mosiek-Urbahn

PSE: Apolinário, Avgerinos, Barton, Bösch, Bontempi, Botz, Correia, Cunningham, Delcroix, Elchlepp, Fantuzzi, Garot, Ghilardotti, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hendrick, Hughes, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kinnoek, Kokkola, Lambraki, Marinucci, Martin David W., Myller, Needle, Panagopoulos, Roubatis, Schulz, Skinner, Thomas, Titley, Tongue, Tsatsos, Wemheuer, Wynn, Zimmermann

UPE: Daskalaki, Kaklamanis, Martin Philippe-Armand, Poisson, Schaffner

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ARE: Barthet-Mayer, Dell'Alba, Dupuis

GUE/NGL: Ephremidis

NI: Hager, Musumeci, Tatarella

PPE: Azzolini, Baldi, Burtone, Colli, Colombo Svevo, Graziani, Kellett-Bowman, Malerba, Poggiolini, Santini, Secchi, Viola

6. C4-0229/98

Amendment 11 (second part)

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V: van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Kreissl-Dörfler, Schroedter, Telkämper, Voggenhuber

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis

ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak, Goerens, Thors

GUE/NGL: González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Maset Campos, Novo, Pailler, Puerta

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, Fabre-Aubrespy, des Places, Souchet

NI: Amadeo, Hager, Tatarella, Trizza

PPE: Anastassopoulos, Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areitio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Azzolini, Baldi, Bennasar Tous, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Castagnetti, Colli, Colombo Svevo, D'Andrea, De Melo, Deprez, Donnelly Brendan Patrick, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Fernández Martín, Ferrer, Filippi, Fraga Estévez, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Graziani, Grossetête, von Habsburg, Heinisch, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Lulling, Malerba, Martens, Méndez de Vigo, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Pex, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Provan, Redondo Jiménez, Robles Piquer, Rübige, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santini, Schiedermeier, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Thyssen, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Wieland

Friday 19 June 1998

PSE: Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Barón Crespo, Botz, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Colom i Naval, Correia, Cunningham, Delcroix, Dührkop Dührkop, García Arias, Ghilardotti, Hallam, Hendrick, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Katiforis, Medina Ortega, Miranda de Lage, Pérez Royo, Pons Grau, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Terrón i Cusí, Titley, Wemheuer, Zimmermann

UPE: Aldo, Daskalaki, Kaklamanis, Pasty, Poisson, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

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GUE/NGL: Ephremidis

PPE: Kellett-Bowman, Palacio Vallelersundi

PSE: Bösch

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ARE: Dell'Alba, Dupuis

ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak

GUE/NGL: Carnero González, González Álvarez, Jové Peres, Manisco, Maset Campos, Mohamed Ali, Novo, Puerta

I-EDN: Berthu, Blokland, van Dam, des Places

NI: Amadeo, Hager, Martinez, Pinel, Tatarella, Trizza

PPE: Añoveros Trias de Bes, Areatio Toledo, Arias Cañete, Azzolini, Baldi, Bennasar Tous, Burtone, Camisón Asensio, Campoy Zueco, Castagnetti, Colombo Svevo, D'Andrea, Deprez, Escudero, Estevan Bolea, Fabra Vallés, Ferrer, Filippi, Funk, Galeote Quecedo, García-Margallo y Marfil, Garriga Polledo, Graziani, Grossetête, von Habsburg, Hatzidakis, Hernandez Mollar, Imaz San Miguel, Lulling, Malerba, Martens, Méndez de Vigo, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Oomen-Ruijten, Palacio Vallelersundi, Pex, Poggiolini, Pomés Ruiz, Posselt, Provan, Redondo Jiménez, Rübige, Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Santini, Secchi, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Valverde López, Varela Suanzes-Carpegna, van Velzen W. G., Viola, Wieland

PSE: Aparicio Sánchez, Apolinário, Avgerinos, Barón Crespo, Barton, Bontempi, Cabezón Alonso, Colino Salamanca, Colom i Naval, Correia, Cunningham, Delcroix, Dührkop Dührkop, Elchlepp, Fantuzzi, Ford, García Arias, Garot, Ghilardotti, Green, Hallam, Hardstaff, Hendrick, Hughes, Izquierdo Collado, Izquierdo Rojo, Karamanou, Katiforis, Kinnock, Kokkola, Lambraki, Marinucci, Medina Ortega, Miranda de Lage, Myller, Needle, Pérez Royo, Pons Grau, Roubatis, Sanz Fernández, Sauquillo Pérez del Arco, Schulz, Terrón i Cusí, Thomas, Titley, Tsatsos, Wynn

UPE: Aldo, Daskalaki, Kaklamanis, Martin Philippe-Armand, Pasty, Poisson, Rosado Fernandes

V: Aelvoet, van Dijk, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Orlando, Schroedter, Telkämper, Wolf

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ELDR: Thors

GUE/NGL: Ephremidis

PPE: Kellett-Bowman

PSE: Bösch

V: Holm

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Amendment 4

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ARE: Castagnède

GUE/NGL: Manisco

I-EDN: Berthu, des Places, Souchet

NI: Hager, Martinez, Pinel

PPE: Azzolini, Baldi, Bennasar Tous, Camisón Asensio, Castagnetti, Colli, Colombo Svevo, D'Andrea, Deprez, Escudero, Fabra Vallés, Filippi, Funk, Garriga Polledo, Grossetête, Hatzidakis, Kellett-Bowman, Liese, Lulling, Malerba, Martens, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Pex, Poggiolini, Posselt, Provan, Santini, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, Valverde López, van Velzen W. G.

PSE: Barton, Bösch, Cunningham, Delcroix, Fantuzzi, Garot, Ghilardotti, Green, Hardstaff, Kinnock, Needle, Schulz, Thomas, Titley, Wynn

UPE: Aldo, Daskalaki, Martin Philippe-Armand, Pasty, Poisson, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Orlando, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Wolf

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ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak, Goerens, Kofoed, Thors

I-EDN: van Dam

9. C4-0363/98

Amendment 1

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ARE: Castagnède

GUE/NGL: Manisco, Novo

I-EDN: Berthu, des Places, Souchet

NI: Hager, Martinez, Pinel

PPE: Castagnetti, Filippi, Grossetête, Valverde López

PSE: Barton, Bösch, Cunningham, Delcroix, Elchlepp, Fantuzzi, Garot, Ghilardotti, Green, Hardstaff, Kinnock, Needle, Schulz, Thomas, Titley, Wynn

UPE: Aldo, Daskalaki, Martin Philippe-Armand, Pasty, Poisson, Rosado Fernandes, Schaffner

V: Aelvoet, Graefe zu Baringdorf, Holm, Orlando, Schroedter, Telkämper, Ullmann, Wolf

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ELDR: Boogerd-Quaak, Goerens, Kofoed, Thors

I-EDN: van Dam

PPE: Azzolini, Baldi, Bennasar Tous, Camisón Asensio, Colli, Colombo Svevo, D'Andrea, Deprez, Escudero, Fabra Vallés, Funk, Hatzidakis, Kellett-Bowman, Liese, Lulling, Malerba, Martens, Mosiek-Urbahn, Nassauer, Pex, Poggiolini, Posselt, Provan, Santini, Sisó Cruellas, Sonneveld, van Velzen W. G.

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PPE: Garriga Polledo
