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STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION

The European Parliament, the Council and the Commission stress that in a situation of urgent and exceptional pressure at the external borders requiring the intervention of a Rapid Border Intervention Team, and possible insufficiency of financial means in the budget of the European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union (Frontex) to do so, all possibilities to ensure funding should be explored. The Commission will verify with extreme urgency whether funds could possibly be redeployed. In the event of a decision of the budgetary authority becoming necessary, the Commission will initiate a procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Regulation, namely Articles 23 and 24, in order to secure a timely decision of the two arms of the budgetary authority on the means of providing for additional funding for Frontex to deploy a Rapid Border Intervention Team. The budgetary authority commits itself to act as quickly as possible, taking into account the urgency.

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Conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources *

European Parliament legislative resolution of 26 April 2007 on the proposal for a Council regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy (COM(2006)0587 — C6-0402/2006 — 2006/0190(CNS))

(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2006)0587) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to Article 37 of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0402/2006),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0085/2007);
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in OJ.

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TEXT PROPOSED
BY THE COMMISSIONAMENDMENTS
BY PARLIAMENT

Amendment 3

ARTICLE 1, POINT 1

Article 11(5) (Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002)

5. **Between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2006, on fishing vessels of 5 years of age or more, modernisation** over the main deck to improve safety on board, working conditions, hygiene and product quality may increase the tonnage of the vessel, provided that such modernisation does not increase the ability of the vessel to catch fish. The reference levels, as established in accordance with this Article and with Article 12, shall be adapted accordingly. The corresponding capacity need not be taken into account for the establishment of the balance of entries and exits by Member States under Article 13.

5. **Modernisation** over the main deck to improve safety on board, working conditions, hygiene and product quality may increase the tonnage of the vessel, provided that such modernisation does not increase the ability of the vessel to catch fish. The reference levels, as established in accordance with this Article and with Article 12, shall be adapted accordingly. The corresponding capacity need not be taken into account for the establishment of the balance of entries and exits by Member States under Article 13.

Amendment 1

ARTICLE 1, POINT 1

Article 11, paragraph 6, indents 1 and 2 (Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002)

— **4%** of the average annual tonnage withdrawn with public aid between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2006 for the Member States that were part of the Community on 1 January 2003 and **4%** of the annual average tonnage withdrawn with public aid between 1 May 2004 and 31 December 2006 for the Member States that acceded to the Community on 1 May 2004 and,

— **4%** of the tonnage withdrawn from the fleet with public aid as from 1 January 2007

— **10%** of the average annual tonnage withdrawn with public aid between 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2006 for the Member States that were part of the Community on 1 January 2003 and **10%** of the annual average tonnage withdrawn with public aid between 1 May 2004 and 31 December 2006 for the Member States that acceded to the Community on 1 May 2004 and,

— **10%** of the tonnage withdrawn from the fleet with public aid as from 1 January 2007

Amendment 2

ARTICLE 1, POINT 2

Article 13, paragraph 1, point (c), subparagraphs 1a and 1b (new) (Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002)

Nevertheless, this reduction in power must not under any circumstances diminish the vessel's safety, habitability or the efficiency of fish-processing systems.

Furthermore, given that the objective of the reduction is to avoid any increase in the vessel's fishing capacity, the provisions of the first subparagraph shall not be taken into account where the engine is replaced in order to conserve energy and/or improve the vessel's performance in areas other than fishing capacity, or where more selective fishing methods, as regards the use of the vessel, have been opted for.