

Thursday 1 April 2004

- having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and to the opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market (A5-0157/2004),
- A. whereas the harmonisation of indirect taxation is hardly feasible by legislation at the present moment; whereas closer cooperation and coordination amongst tax authorities is a temporary solution that preserves national sovereignty, and which is necessary to solve the problem of decreased VAT and excise duties revenues caused by tax fraud and organised crime;
1. Approves the Commission proposal;
 2. Calls on the Commission to refer the matter to Parliament again if it intends to amend its proposal substantially or replace it with another text;
 3. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.
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Conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks ***

European Parliament legislative resolution on the proposal for a Council decision on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (COM(2003)855 – C5-0127/2004 – 2003/0332(AVC))

(Assent procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2003) 855) ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the request for assent submitted by the Council pursuant to Article 300(3), second subparagraph, read together with Article 37 and Article 300(2), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty (C5-0127/2004),
 - having regard to Rules 86 and 97(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Fisheries (A5-0174/2004),
1. Gives its assent to the proposal for a Council decision;
 2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Government of New Zealand, as depository for the Convention.

⁽¹⁾ Not yet published in the OJ.
