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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Transport and Tourism

on an Integrated Maritime Policy - Evaluation of progress made and new
challenges
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SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Transport and Tourism, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses that both the fisheries sector and environmental organisations share the concern that fisheries should be taken into account in policies dealing with maritime affairs as a whole;
2. Insists, in particular, that the constraints and specificities of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors be taken into account in the IMP as regards use of the maritime domain, the preservation of stock recovery and development conditions and the conduct of research programmes;
3. Considers it essential to strengthen regional cooperation in order to achieve sustainable and more efficient management of marine and coastal resources, particularly where there is a complete interdependence of activities in the maritime area, as is the case in particular in the Mediterranean;
4. Calls on the European Union therefore to campaign within the Union for the Mediterranean for the draft common code of good practice in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors to be integrated into the programme of this new international organisation;
5. Calls, also, for consultation mechanisms to be established for drawing up decisions relating to the IMP and the CFP, based in particular on the joint consultation bodies set up in each Member State and bringing together actors from the fisheries and maritime affairs sectors, thus making possible a genuine upstream exchange between IMP and CFP actors;
6. Points out that both fisheries and aquaculture have a place in the maritime and coastal region economy, whose growth the IMP is seeking to maximise;
7. Stresses that the wish to see the IMP contribute to the safeguarding of a viable European fisheries sector which respects the environment but is also a source of wealth for its actors has implications for the Union's commercial policy;
8. Calls, in particular, for the Commission to make the maintenance of European fisheries a non-negotiable element in the negotiations it is conducting at international level, and for increased liberalisation of fisheries and aquaculture products from third countries to apply only to products complying with the same environmental and health requirements as those for products originating in the European Union;
9. Stresses that funding to implement the IMP must be guaranteed in the Community budget by means of a proportional contribution from all the sectors affected by this policy.