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pursuant to Rule 108(5) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the adoption of management measures for Mediterranean fishery resources

European Parliament resolution on the adoption of management measures for Mediterranean fishery resources

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Commission proposal COM(2003) 0589,
 - having regard to the draft report by the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0112/2005), adopted on 9 June 2005,
 - having regard to Rule 108(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the adoption of the report in question was the product of close collaboration with the European Commission, resulting in a compromise between the Members of the European Parliament and the Commission's DG Fisheries,
- B. whereas the only management measures now applicable to fishing in the Mediterranean date from 1994 and whereas these measures, which at the time were already considered obsolete, do not concern the other seas of the European Union, the measures for which allow responsible fishing,
- C. whereas the absence of a regulation on fisheries management in this region of the EU has created obvious discrimination among European fishermen, which is becoming steadily worse,
- D. whereas certain commercially very valuable stocks are in a serious state of decline,
1. Expresses its concern at the passivity of the Council, which can only be interpreted as a lack of interest in the Mediterranean Sea, which is, however, from the point of view of fishing activities, recognised as one of the most diversified and complex regions not only biologically, but also from the environmental, social and economic points of view;
 2. Expresses its concern, knowing as it does that this passivity, by preventing the adoption of more responsible rules that are better adapted to the general framework of the CFP, is incompatible with the objective of sustainable development;
 3. Is worried by the fact that if a decision is not taken quickly, the European Union's international fisheries management obligations, particularly in the context of the Mediterranean RFOs (the GFCM and ICCAT), are in danger of not being met;
 4. Calls on the Council in consequence to ensure that the management measures applicable to fish stocks in the Mediterranean are adopted without delay;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.