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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the situation of the shipbuilding industry

European Parliament resolution on the situation of the shipbuilding industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 15 November 2001 ([A5-0373/2001](#)) and 23 November 2000 ([A5-0371/2000](#)),
 - having regard to the fifth report from the Commission to the Council on the situation in world shipbuilding of 30 April 2002 (COM(2002) 205 final),
 - having regard to the Commission proposal for a Council regulation concerning a temporary defensive mechanism for shipbuilding (COM(2001) 401) and Council regulation (EC) No 1540/98 establishing new rules on aid to shipbuilding,
 - having regard to Rule 42(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the world market in container ships, product and chemical tankers and natural gas tankers remains in crisis and market shares have altered in favour of Korea and to the detriment of the EU and other States,
- B. whereas the European shipbuilding industry has been kept in a situation of uncertainty since 31 December 2000,
- C. whereas on 14 May 2001 the Council authorised the Commission to initiate WTO proceedings against the Republic of Korea,
1. Recalls that, as early as November 2001, it approved the Commission proposal for a Council regulation concerning a temporary defensive mechanism for shipbuilding (COM(2001) 401);
 2. Recalls that it asked the Commission to amend its proposal to include other market segments, namely gas tankers (LNG and LPG carriers), ferries and ro-ro vessels, as these ship types are also referred to in the complaint lodged with the WTO;
 3. Reiterates its demand that the proposed temporary defensive mechanism should accompany the Community's actions against Korea in the WTO and that it should apply only for the duration of the WTO proceedings;
 4. Supports the linking by the Commission of the WTO proceedings to the adoption of the temporary defensive mechanism;
 5. Calls on the Council to adopt the regulation, taking due account of the requested amendments, at its next meeting;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the

Member States.