

## European Parliament resolution on problems involved in the accession of Spain and Portugal with regard to fisheries (14 March 1985)

**Caption:** On 14 March 1985, the European Parliament adopts a resolution on the problems caused by the fisheries policy during the negotiations for the accession of Spain and Portugal to the European Communities.

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*The European Parliament,*

- A. having regard to the difficulties connected with fisheries which have arisen in the accession negotiations with Spain and Portugal,
- B. whereas Portugal is already receiving pre-accession aid, albeit modest, for structural modernization in the fisheries sector,
- C. whereas on 17 October 1984, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal (COM(84) 569 final) to grant Spain 'pre-accession' aid worth 28.5 million ECU, to enable it to reduce its fishing capacity,
- D. whereas the Council still has not asked the European Parliament for its opinion on this proposal,
  1. Requests that this proposal be referred to it immediately, so that it may be able to deliver an opinion in good time;
  2. Objects to the possibility of late referral, which would make the Council request urgent procedure to be applied and would put Parliament in an intolerable position, given this proposal's political importance for Spanish fishing and hence also for fishermen in the existing Member States of the European Community;
  3. Feels that Community measures should not merely aim to reduce the Spanish fleet's fishing capacity, but should also offer Spanish fishermen good prospects for the future which will make accession acceptable to them;
  4. Calls on the Commission to increase its efforts to negotiate access to third country waters;
  5. Notes the fisheries potential of the Falklands which is an overseas territory of the Community; calls on the UK Government to declare a 200-mile fishery zone around the islands;
  6. Requests that accession should be an opportunity for reviewing certain aspects to the common fisheries policy, such as the common organization of markets, monitoring arrangements — which should be tightened — structural policy, social policy and agreements on fisheries with third countries, so that this policy may be adapted to the new circumstances arising from accession;
  7. Requests however that at the same time the principle of 'relative stability' defined by the Community of Ten should be upheld and reconstitution of stocks should be safeguarded at all costs;
  8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.