Conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean, transitional measures

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The Committee does not approve the proposed measures. It considers that although they are transitional and temporary, they form a serious precedent which could jeopardize efforts to secure a more structured fisheries conservation policy in the Mediterranean. In the Committee's view, the Commission should press third countries which fish for the same Mediterranean resources to make similar efforts, with a view to preventing the over-exploitation of these resources. Mindful of the economic and social impact on fishermen in the Italian Adriatic of the technical measures introduced under Regulation 1626/94, the ESC asks the Commission to use existing structural instruments to cushion the negative impact and meet the legitimate concerns of those fishermen.