Conservation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean, transitional measures

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The Committee on Fisheries approved by 15 votes in favour and 7 abstentions the draft legislative resolution concerning the temporary derogation proposed by the Commission to the provisions of Regulation No 1626/94 with regard to the minimum size of the hake and red mullet which it is allowed to catch in the Adriatic. The rapporteur, Mrs Fraga Estevez (PPE, E), criticized the proposal in the absence of any study which demonstrated the usefulness of the measure in question, especially with regard to a real fisheries conservation policy in the Mediterranean, and urged the Commission to change its attitude so that the model of managing fishery resources could be changed by encouraging Mediterranean consumers to develop a taste for larger types of fish. This was why the draft resolution rejected the proposed derogations and called on the Commission to collate more accurate data during the study currently being drawn up on the overall situation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean and, if necessary, to present an amendment to the regulation in question on a more solid scientific basis.