Industrial fishing

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The Committee has adopted the report of Mr Heinz KINDERMANN (PSE,D) on the industrial fisheries. The report considers that the industrial fisheries, in moderation, are justifiable in the north Sea, the Skagerrak and the Kattegat if they respect the principle of sustainability and if fisheries for human comsumption take precedence in the event of conflicting interests. Points out that if these conditions are to be met - the impact of industrial fisheries on all species living in and from the sea must be accurately researched and monitored, - catch and by-catch limits based on scientific evaluations must be respected, - a rigorous control system must be established in ports of landing, - in cases where the data are unclear, the precautionary approach must be followed unreservedly.