Common fisheries policy: monitoring. Report 1995

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The Committee took a critical view of the Commission's report on monitoring the common fisheries policy in 1995. Endorsing the view of its rapporteur, Robin TEVERSON (ELDR, UK), the committee said that there had been no improvement in the control and monitoring of the CFP since the publication of the previous report, even though such measures were crucial to the credibility of the whole system. In addition to revealing the shortcomings of the system and levelling various criticisms at it, the committee suggested a number of practical improvements, such as: -the introduction of a new method of gathering and processing data which will at the very least oblige the Member States to forward uniform, accurate and transparent information, including a precise definition of what an inspector is and what an inspection consists of - a development which would enable comparisons to be made between Member States; -harmonisation regarding infringements; -the introduction of effective control in the markets to prevent import fraud. The vote will take place without a debate (Rule 52).