Fish-canning industry

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VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA report on the fish-canning industry was adopted. The report calls for the Commission to carry out a study of this industry, devise a specific action plan and an overall support framework, introduce tighter checks on products from non-EU countries and set up a reference laboratory to ensure quality and conformity to technical standards as well as a special fisheries department within UCLAF (the Commission's anti-fraud unit). It also says that, where trade relations or cooperation policy require the continuation of imports which constitute unfair competition to products of the Community fish-canning industry, these should be counted as sensitive products eligible for compensatory aid. Lastly, the report calls for specific measures for sardines (such as a campaign to promote consumption) and tuna (e.g. strict checks on the origin and quality of imports).