Marketing of fishery products: scheme to compensate for extra costs due to remoteness of Azores, Madeira, Canary Islands, Guyana, Réunion; extending the scheme until 31 December 2002

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The committee adopted the report by Carlos LAGE (PES, P) amending the proposal slightly under the consultation procedure. It took the view that the conditions which gave rise to the additional costs were not likely to change, since they stemmed from the particular situation of the outermost regions, and that there was therefore a need for a permanent scheme, based on Article 299(2) of the Treaty, with regular adjustment. It should be possible, in certain cases, to reassign funds which were not used for certain species or products to other species or products, within the overall funding laid down in the regulation. To improve the information supplied to Parliament, the committee also called on the Commission to send Parliament a copy of the study carried out by external consultants on the impact of all Community measures adopted to date in the fisheries sector for the outermost regions.