Multi-annual guidance programme MAGP IV for the fishing fleets end 2000. Annual report

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution by Heinz KINDERMANN (PES, Germany) on fishing fleets. (Please refer to the document dated 20/03/02.) Parliament approved the fact that the Commission has started Treaty infringement proceedings against several Member States which have repeatedly failed to meet the objectives of their MAPG. Member States are asked to complete the re-measurement of their fleets as soon as possible so that future decisions are based on uniform data. Whilst the MAPG have achieved some reduction in the fleet capacity of the Member States, they have not brought about the desired balance between stocks and their exploitation largely owing to the failure of the majority of Member States to comply with the MAPG, and therefore the latter should not be continued in their present form. Parliament went on to say that as well as a range of criteria for measuring vessel capacity, there should be an "entry-exit" system for fishing boats to guarantee that there is no increase in capacity.