


Procedure file

Basic information		
RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	2000/2624(RSP)	Procedure completed
Resolution on negotiations for the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement		
Subject 3.15.15.04 Fisheries agreements with Maghreb and Mediterranean countries		
Geographical area Morocco		

Key players			
European Parliament			
Council of the European Union			
Council configuration	Meeting	Date	
Fisheries	2344	25/04/2001	

Key events			
27/10/2000	Debate in Parliament		
27/10/2000	Decision by Parliament	T5-0491/2000	Summary
27/10/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
25/04/2001	Resolution/conclusions adopted by Council		Summary
12/07/2001	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2000/2624(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 136-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway					
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		B5-0546/2000	27/10/2000	EP	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0823/2000	27/10/2000	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T5-0491/2000 OJ C 197 12.07.2001, p. 0441-0448	27/10/2000	EP	Summary

Resolution on negotiations for the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement

The European Parliament adopted the resolution, by 124 votes to 3 with 6 abstentions, on the negotiations for an EC-Morocco fisheries agreement. It endorses the statements by the Commission and the Government of Morocco concerning the conservation of fish stocks. However, it is concerned at the fact that Morocco has granted access to other countries and undertakings while continuing to exclude Community vessels. Furthermore, the Parliament calls on the Commission and the Council to intensify their efforts to negotiate a new EC-Morocco fisheries agreement. It believes that this should be given maximum priority, in view of its key importance for the EU and fisheries dependent regions that are directly affected. On the other hand, should an agreement not be reached the Commission should prepare a set of measures, including social and economic measures to be funded by the EU with a view of setting the effects of non-renewal of the agreement, adapting the fleet to the new circumstances, and offering the regions concerned the prospect of economic diversification, not only for fishermen and vessel owners but also for the land-based processing and support industries.?

Resolution on negotiations for the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement

Commissioner FISCHLER informed the Council of the latest developments concerning the negotiations for a new fisheries agreement with Morocco. In the light of this information, the Council adopted the following conclusions : - under the present circumstances the Council concludes that it has not been possible to arrive at a mutually beneficial fisheries agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and the Community; - in conformity with the conclusions of the European Council in Nice, the Council invites the Commission to submit as soon as possible a specific action programme for restructuring the Community fleet which has fished in the framework of the old agreement with Morocco; - the restructuring programme shall take into account the social and economic aspects of the affected regions and provide all possible alternatives for the concerned fleet.?