


Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 1996 to 31st December 1997		
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries		
Geographical area Guinea		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		24/04/1996
		ARE MACARTNEY Allan	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		22/04/1996
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Research	2005	14/05/1997
	Fisheries	1935	10/06/1996

Key events			
20/03/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0111	Summary
09/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
18/11/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
18/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0385/1996	
11/03/1997	Debate in Parliament		
12/03/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0091/1997	Summary
14/05/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
14/05/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0084(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 228-p2/3-a1; EC before Amsterdam E 043
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/07858

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0111 OJ C 165 08.06.1996, p. 0007	20/03/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0385/1996 OJ C 020 20.01.1997, p. 0003	18/11/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0091/1997 OJ C 115 14.04.1997, p. 0053-0084	12/03/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 1997/909 OJ L 131 23.05.1997, p. 0008 Summary

EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 1996 to 31st December 1997

- OBJECTIVE: Conclusion of a new protocol on fisheries between the Community and the Republic of Guinea laying down the technical and financial conditions for the exercise of fishing activities by Community vessels in Guinean waters for the period from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997. - SUBSTANCE: The protocol initialled by both parties on 6 December 1995 provides for the following fishing opportunities: Licences for trawlers (fin fish, cephalopods and shrimp): 5 000 GRT per month, annual average; . licences for 28 freezer tuna seiners; . licences for 7 pole and line tuna vessels; . licences for 7 surface long liners. In return, the Republic of Guinea will receive financial compensation totalling ECU 2 400 000 payable in two annual instalments (ECU 1 150 000 and ECU 1 300 000 respectively), on the understanding that the fishing opportunities for shrimp, fin fish and cephalopod trawlers may be increased at the request of the Community by successive instalments of 1 000 GRT every month, calculated on an annual average basis. In this case, the financial compensation would be increased proportionately. In addition to this financial compensation, the Community will contribute: . ECU 400 000 towards the financing of scientific or technical programmes to develop the fisheries sector; . ECU 250 000 in bursaries to Guinean fishermen to study or undergo practical training in the Community. The Community shall also contribute a total of ECU 900 000 towards the financing of three local programmes (fisheries surveillance, institutional aid for the Ministry for Fisheries, aid for non-industrial fishing). ?

EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 1996 to 31st December 1997

The Committee on Fisheries unanimously adopted the draft legislative resolution embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the new financial instrument in the fisheries agreement with Guinea. The rapporteur, Mr MACARTNEY (ARE, UK), found the delay in consulting Parliament (once the agreement had been concluded and implemented) unacceptable, but confirmed his support for the proposal in question. He also called for an adequate monitoring procedure in the form of a Commission report assessing the implementation of the current protocol by the end of 1997 and well before its renewal was negotiated. This report should, inter alia, evaluate the use made of fishing rights obtained by Community vessels and how funds for specific support programmes granted to the third country concerned have been used.?

EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 1996 to 31st December 1997

In adopting the report by Mr MACARTNEY (ARE, UK) Parliament approved this proposal for a regulation, calling on the Commission to submit a report to it by 31 December 1997 on how Union funds specifically allocated for support programmes for fisheries surveillance bodies (ECU 350 000), institutional support for the Fisheries Ministry (ECU 300 000) and aid for small-scale fishing (ECU 250 000) have been used. ?

EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 1996 to 31st December 1997

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a new protocol on fisheries between the Community and the Republic of Guinea for the period from 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council regulation 909/97/EC on the conclusion of the protocol establishing, for the period 1 January 1996 to 31 December 1997, the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the agreement between the European Community and the government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast. SUBSTANCE: The protocol provides for the following fishing opportunities: Licences for trawlers (fin fish, cephalopods and shrimp): 5 000 GRT per month, annual average; . licences for 28 freezer tuna seiners; . licences for 7 pole and line tuna vessels; . licences for 7 surface long liners. In return, the Republic of Guinea will receive financial compensation totalling ECU 2 400 000 payable in two annual instalments (ECU 1 150 000 and ECU 1 300 000 respectively), on the understanding that the fishing opportunities for shrimp, fin fish and cephalopod trawlers may be increased at the request of the Community by successive instalments of 1 000 GRT a month, calculated on an annual average basis. In this case, the financial compensation would be increased proportionately. In addition to this financial compensation, the Community will contribute: . ECU 400 000 towards the financing of scientific or technical programmes to develop the fisheries sector; . ECU 250 000 in bursaries to Guinean fishermen to study or undergo practical training in the Community. The Community shall also contribute a total of ECU 900 000 towards the financing of three local programmes (fisheries surveillance, institutional aid for the Ministry for Fisheries, aid for non-industrial fishing). ENTRY INTO FORCE: the regulations shall enter into force on 26 May 1997. The protocol shall enter into force once both parties have given the necessary notifications. ?