


Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		24/04/1996
		UPE D'ABOVILLE Gérard	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		07/05/1996
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	PSE JÖNS Karin	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Transport, Telecommunications and Energy	1979	12/12/1996

Key events			
01/04/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0131	Summary
09/05/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
10/09/1996	Vote in committee		Summary
10/09/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A4-0271/1996	
25/10/1996	Debate in Parliament		
25/10/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0566/1996	Summary
12/12/1996	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		Summary
12/12/1996	End of procedure in Parliament		
19/12/1996	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0089(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/07859

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0131	01/04/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A4-0271/1996 OJ C 320 28.10.1996, p. 0003	10/09/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0566/1996 OJ C 347 18.11.1996, p. 0421-0452	25/10/1996	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 1996/2407 OJ L 329 19.12.1996, p. 0001 Summary

EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999

OBJECTIVE: Conclusion of the agreement concerning the provisional application of the protocol defining for the period of 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the agreement between the European Community and Republic of Seychelles on fishing off the coast of the Seychelles. SUBSTANCE: The fishing opportunities pursuant to this protocol concern notably Spanish and French fishermen. The fishing opportunities shall be allocated as follows: - Tuna seiners: France: 20 vessels; Spain: 22 vessels; - Surface long liners: France: 5 vessels; Spain: 10 vessels; The financial compensation to be paid to the Republic of Seychelles in return for these fishing opportunities shall be fixed at Ecu 6.9 million, corresponding to a catch of 46.000 tonnes. In addition to this compensation, - the European Community shall contribute Ecu 2.7 million towards the financing of scientific programmes in the Seychelles (to gain greater knowledge of stocks of highly migratory species and to purchase and maintain equipment to improve the administrative structure relating to fisheries); - the Community shall make available to the Seychelles authorities an amount of Ecu 300.000 for study or practical training awards (of this amount, up to Ecu 100.000 may be used to cover the cost of attending international meetings). Annexed to the protocol are conditions for the issuing of licenses and obligations upon European Community vessels operating in Seychelles' waters (fee of Ecu 20 per tonne caught; declarations of catches; communications; fishing zones; port equipment and use of supplies and services; employment of seamen; scientific observers; landing; sanctions). ?

EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Mr Gérard d'ABOVILLE on the new fisheries agreement between the European Union and the Seychelles. The agreement basically renews the old protocol which expired in January 1996. In return for the same financial compensation as before (ECU 9.9 million), it authorizes a slight increase in the number of licences and stricter control measures as the result of improvements to the communication systems between vessels and the authorities. Unfortunately, as is usually the case with these agreements, the committee's main grievance relates not to the content of the protocol but to the procedures applied by the Commission and the Council. The European Parliament has, yet again, been presented with a fait accompli, in this case an agreement which has been signed and sealed, thereby preventing MEPs from taking part in the decision-making process. Vowing that this would not happen again, the committee proposed a series of amendments. The report will be put to the vote during the October session in Strasbourg.?

EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999

In adopting the report by Mr Gérard d'ABOVILLE (RDE, F), Parliament approved the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement with the Seychelles. It called on the Commission to submit a general assessment report to the Council and Parliament in the course of the last year of the Protocol's application. The Council would, on the basis of that report and taking account of the EP's opinion, authorise the Commission to start negotiations with a view to the adoption of a new Protocol.?

EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999

The Council adopted the Regulation.

EC/Seychelles fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999

OBJECTIVE : conclusion of a new fisheries Protocol between the Union and the Seychelles establishing the technical and financial conditions under which Community fishing vessels can fish in Seychelles waters in the period 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation (EC) No 2407/96/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol defining, for the period from 18 January 1996 to 17 January 1999, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles on fishing off Seychelles. SUBSTANCE : the fishing opportunities opened under the Protocol concern, first and foremost, Spanish and French fishermen. The fishing opportunities are allocated as follows: - freezer tuna seiners : France: 20 vessels; Spain: 22 vessels; - surface longliners : France: 5 vessels; Spain: 10 vessels; In exchange for these fishing opportunities, the financial compensation given to the Republic of Seychelles totals ECU 6.9 million, which corresponds to a catch of 46 000 tons. To this compensation is added : - an EU contribution of ECU 2 700 000 towards the financing of scientific programmes in the Seychelles (greater knowledge of highly migratory species, purchase and maintenance of equipment to improve the administrative structure relating to fisheries); - making available an amount of ECU 300 000 for study or practical training awards in the various subjects relating to fisheries (part of this amount, up to ECU 100 000, may be used to cover the cost of attending international meetings relating to fisheries). An Annex and Appendix to the Protocol lay down conditions for the issue of licences and conditions for the pursuit of fishing activities by Community vessels in Seychelles' waters (a fee of ECU 20 per tonne caught; declaration of catches; communications; fishing zones; port equipment and use of supplies and services; employment of seamen; scientific observers; landing; sanctions). ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Regulation enters into force on 22 December 1996. ?