

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	1996/0210(CNS)	Procedure completed
EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: cooperation agreement on the sea fisheries		
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries		
Geographical area Mauritania		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		27/06/1996
		UPE <a href="#">GIRÃO PEREIRA José</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>BUDG</b> Budgets		24/09/1996
Council of the European Union		PSE <a href="#">JÖNS Karin</a>	
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		04/06/1996
		GUE/NGL <a href="#">SIERRA GONZÁLEZ Angela del Carmen</a>	
	<b>DEVE</b> Development and Cooperation		
	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">General Affairs</a>	<a href="#">1989</a>	24/02/1997

Key events			
09/09/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0417	Summary
15/11/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
25/11/1996	Vote in committee		
25/11/1996	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0397/1996</a>	
28/11/1996	Decision by Parliament	T4-0638/1996	Summary
24/02/1997	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
24/02/1997	End of procedure in Parliament		

04/03/1997	Final act published in Official Journal		
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## Technical information

Procedure reference	1996/0210(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/4/08394

## Documentation gateway

Legislative proposal		COM(1996)0417 <a href="#">OJ C 352 22.11.1996, p. 0001</a>	09/09/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0397/1996</a> <a href="#">OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0005</a>	25/11/1996	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0638/1996 <a href="#">OJ C 380 16.12.1996, p. 0012-0019</a>	28/11/1996	EP	Summary

## Final act

[Regulation 1997/408](#)  
[OJ L 062 04.03.1997, p. 0001](#) Summary

## EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: cooperation agreement on the sea fisheries

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. SUBSTANCE: The current agreement, which was concluded for five years from 1 August 1996, governs relations between the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Community with regard to sea fisheries. The agreement begins by laying the foundations for cooperation between the two parties in the conservation of fish stocks and their exploitation. This cooperation, which may be achieved bilaterally or within the framework of international organizations, is as much scientific and technical as economic, commercial and industrial in nature. The agreement thus defines various activities geared to the sustainable development of the Mauritanian sea fisheries sector and support for activities relating to maritime training. For this purpose the Community will provide financial assistance amounting to ECU 1.05 million, according to the protocol attached to the agreement. The agreement also paves the way for Community fleets to fish in Mauritanian waters and specifies the conditions they must satisfy (holding of a licence, payment of a fee, communication of catch data, signing-on of Mauritanian seamen, submission to technical inspection). The main beneficiaries of the fishing opportunities presented by the agreement are Spain, Italy, Portugal and France. In return for these fishing opportunities Mauritania will receive declining financial compensation equivalent, for the duration of the agreement, to ECU 266.8 million, or an inclusive annual payment of between ECU 55 and 51 million. ?

## EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: cooperation agreement on the sea fisheries

In adopting the report by Mr Girao PEREIRA, (UPE, P), Parliament approved the proposal for a Council Regulation on the sea fisheries cooperation agreement between the European Community and Mauritania. It considered, however, that the legal basis proposed by the Council is not appropriate and that reference should be made, as it is in the Commission proposal, to the second subparagraph of Article 228(3) of the EC Treaty. ?

## EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: cooperation agreement on the sea fisheries

OBJECTIVE: conclusion of an agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation 408/97/EC on the conclusion of an Agreement on cooperation in the sea fisheries sector between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and laying down provisions for its implementation. SUBSTANCE: the agreement, concluded for a five year period from 1 August 1996, governs relations in the sea fisheries sector between the

Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Community. The agreement provides the basis for cooperation between the two parties with regard to the conservation of fishery resources and their utilization. This cooperation which can be undertaken bilaterally or within the framework of international organizations covers scientific, technical, economic, commercial and industrial aspects. The agreement also sets out several schemes seeking the sustainable development of the Mauritanian fisheries sector and support for measures undertaken with regard to maritime training. To this end the Community is providing financial support calculated in the joint protocol to the agreement at ECU 1.05 million. The text also opens up the possibilities for fishing to Community fleets in Mauritanian waters and specifies the conditions for so doing (requirement of a licence, payment of a fee, communication of catch data, shipping of Mauritanian sailors, acceptance of technical visits). In return for these fishing possibilities Mauritania receives degressive financial compensation equivalent over the term of the agreement to ECU 266.8 million, or an annual payment of between ECU 51 and 55 million. The countries benefiting from the fishing possibilities under this agreement are Spain, Italy, Portugal and France according to an allocation set out in the annex to the agreement. For cephalopods the annual allocation of fishing possibilities between the Member States, valid with effect from 1 August 1997, will be decided by 30 June each year at the latest. If for one fishing category the applications for licences by a Member State are lower than the tonnage allocated to it, the Commission can open up the possibility for other Member States to apply for licences on a pro rata basis for the remaining licences. ENTRY INTO FORCE: the regulation entered into force on 11 March 1997, the agreement and its protocol entering into force when all the notifications needed to this effect have been made by each of the parties. ?