

# Procedure file

Basic information		
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	<a href="#">1996/0238(CNS)</a>	Procedure completed
Fish stock conservation: stradling stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, Convention on the Law of the sea		
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	<b>PECH</b> Fisheries		19/11/1996
		PPE <a href="#">VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA Daniel</a>	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	<b>RELA</b> External Economic Relations		31/10/1996
		PSE <a href="#">MIRANDA DE LAGE Ana</a>	
	<b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs, Citizens' Rights		19/12/1996
		PSE <a href="#">MEDINA ORTEGA Manuel</a>	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Fisheries	<a href="#">2344</a>	25/04/2001
	Fisheries	<a href="#">2105</a>	08/06/1998

Key events			
04/10/1996	Legislative proposal published	COM(1996)0472	Summary
23/10/1996	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/04/1997	Vote in committee		Summary
16/04/1997	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<a href="#">A4-0151/1997</a>	
14/05/1997	Debate in Parliament		
15/05/1997	Decision by Parliament	T4-0235/1997	Summary
08/06/1998	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
08/06/1998	End of procedure in Parliament		

03/07/1998	Final act published in Official Journal		
17/11/2000	Additional information		Summary
25/04/2001	Debate in Council	<a href="#">2344</a>	

Technical information	
Procedure reference	1996/0238(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC before Amsterdam E 043; EC before Amsterdam E 228-p3
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/08329

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		<a href="#">COM(1996)0472</a> <a href="#">OJ C 367 05.12.1996, p. 0024</a>	04/10/1996	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		<a href="#">A4-0151/1997</a> <a href="#">OJ C 167 02.06.1997, p. 0002</a>	16/04/1997	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T4-0235/1997 <a href="#">OJ C 167 02.06.1997, p. 0114-0126</a>	15/05/1997	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Decision 1998/414</a> <a href="#">OJ L 189 03.07.1998, p. 0014</a> Summary

## Fish stock conservation: stradling stocks and highly migratory fish stocks, Convention on the Law of the sea

OBJECTIVE: on 4 August 1995 the United Nations Conference on straddling stocks (stocks of fish found both inside and outside exclusive economic zones) and highly migratory fish stocks adopted a draft Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the conservation and management of these stocks. The aim of the proposed decision is to enable the Community to ratify this Agreement. SUBSTANCE: the aim of the Agreement, which was signed by the Community on 27 June 1996 and which it is invited to ratify, is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of straddling and highly migratory fish stocks by providing, among other things, for the strengthening of the international fisheries organizations and international cooperation regarding these stocks. Community fishermen fish these stocks. The ratification of the Agreement by the EC will therefore enable it to monitor very closely and even influence the application and interpretation of these provisions, especially within the regional fisheries organizations. ?

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The draft report by Mr VARELA SUANZEZ-CARPEGNA was adopted.?

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By adopting the report by Mr Daniel VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA (PPE, E), the European Parliament approved the Agreement signed in 1995 relating to the conservation and management of straddling stocks (fish found both inside and outside exclusive economic zones) and highly migratory fish stocks. Parliament proposed the addition of a provision stipulating that the Community will have powers and responsibilities in respect of measures to conserve and manage marine fisheries resources and the Member States will be responsible for measures which, in international law, lie with the State whose flag a vessel flies. ?

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OBJECTIVE: Ratification of the Agreement for the implementing of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling stocks and highly migratory fish stocks. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 98/414/EC. SUBSTANCE: The agreement is ratified on behalf of the European Community. ?

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The Agreement for the implementation of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10/12/1982 relating to the conservation and management of straddling stocks and highly migratory fish stocks (the United Nations Agreement on straddling stocks) was adopted in August 1995 by consensus at an International Conference called by the United National General Assembly. The Final Act and Agreement were opened for signature in December 1995. To date, the Agreement has been signed by 59 Parties and ratified (or acceded to) by 28 Parties. The Agreement will not enter into force until thirty days after the deposition of the thirtieth instrument of ratification or accession. The Community and its Member States have not yet deposited instruments of ratification as the internal procedures of certain Member States have not yet been completed. Under the terms of the Council Decision relating to ratification of the Agreement, the deposition of the instruments should take place simultaneously. ?