


Procedure file

Basic information		
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EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004		
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Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		12/09/2002
		PSE LAGE Carlos	
European Parliament	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		09/10/2002
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
European Parliament	DEVE Development and Cooperation		02/10/2002
		GUE/NGL MIRANDA Joaquim	
Council of the European Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2476	16/12/2002
	Environment	2473	09/12/2002
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
02/10/2002	Legislative proposal published	COM(2002)0495	Summary
21/10/2002	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/11/2002	Vote in committee		Summary
12/11/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0390/2002	
04/12/2002	Debate in Parliament		
05/12/2002	Decision by Parliament	T5-0582/2002	Summary

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16/12/2002	End of procedure in Parliament		
28/12/2002	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
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Committee dossier	PECH/5/16818

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Legislative proposal	COM(2002)0495 OJ C 020 28.01.2003, p. 0289 E	02/10/2002	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0390/2002	12/11/2002	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0582/2002 OJ C 027 30.01.2004, p. 0025-0106 E	05/12/2002	EP	Summary
Implementing legislative act	32002D1008 OJ L 351 28.12.2002, p. 0090-0111	09/12/2002	EU	Summary

Additional information

European Commission	EUR-Lex
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Final act

Regulation 2002/2345 OJ L 351 28.12.2002, p. 0001-0002 Summary

EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004

PURPOSE : to conclude the Protocol setting out, for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola. **CONTENT** : the protocol annexed to the fisheries agreement between the EC and the Republic of Angola expired on 2.5.2002, but was prolonged until 2.8.2002 while the negotiations to renew the protocol were continuing. These negotiations resulted in the initialling of a new protocol in Luanda on 30 June 2002. The new Protocol will be the ninth since the entry into force of the fisheries agreement between the EC and Angola in 1987. In terms of fishing opportunities for Community vessels it is the second most important agreement after Mauritania. It should also be noted that for tuna, the Agreement with Angola is an integral part of the network of agreements on tuna covering the Atlantic zone, which allows the Community fleet to follow straddling stocks. The new protocol covers the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004. It grants fishing opportunities for : - 33 tuna vessels, - 22 shrimp vessels and 4200 GRT per month of demersal trawlers, compared with opportunities for 43 tuna vessels, 22 shrimp vessels and 3750 GRT per month of demersal trawlers under the previous protocol. These levels were fixed on the basis of the conclusions of a group of Angolan and Community scientists, which met in Luanda to review the scientific information on the state of the resources at the same time as the third and final round of negotiations were being conducted. The financial contribution has been increased to EUR 15.500.000 per year compared with EUR 13.975.000 per year in the previous protocol. The increase is justified by the increase in demersal opportunities and by the establishment of a partnership with Angola to

encourage responsible and sustainable fisheries. Under this partnership, 36% of the financial contribution is earmarked to finance the development of scientific research, surveillance, artisanal fisheries and local fishing communities, training and aquaculture, and will ensure greater coherence between the fisheries and development policies at Community level. In order to ensure that the level of fishing under the terms of the protocol remains consistent with the responsible management of the resources, a scientific meeting will be held once per year to monitor the state of the stocks. Based on the results of these meetings, the fishing opportunities under the protocol will, if necessary, be revised. The Angolan authorities decided to reduce the number of Community tuna vessels having access to Angolan waters from 43 vessels to 33 vessels. This is probably because other partners have offered to finance the construction of onshore tuna processing facilities in return for access to the tuna resources in Angolan waters. This reduction does not however call for a reduction of the financial compensation, since this is calculated only on the basis of the shrimp and demersal opportunities. There is no additional charge to the Community for the access of the tuna vessels, but instead the shipowners pay per tonne of the actual catches. In view of the above, the new protocol is considered to be good value for money. Moreover, the establishment of a partnership with Angola and the annual scientific reviews of the state of the stocks will encourage the responsible and sustainable exploitation of the resources to the mutual benefit of the Community and Angola. The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt the conclusion of the new Protocol by Regulation. A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the new Protocol pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure. ?

EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004

The committee adopted the report by Carlos LAGE (PES, P) broadly approving the proposal subject to a few amendments (under the consultation procedure). The committee was concerned that Parliament should be provided with better information to enable it to carry out its duties under the consultation procedure and therefore stipulated that, before any agreement on renewal of the protocol, the Commission should submit to Parliament and Council a general assessment report on the implementation of the Agreement as well as the report on the targeted measures which the authorities of Angola were required to provide under the protocol. The report also called for the protocol to incorporate the social clause adopted by the sea fishing industry Social Dialogue Committee in December 2001 guaranteeing equal treatment for both EU and non-EU seamen sailing on EU vessels in such matters as freedom of association, collective bargaining and living and working conditions. Lastly, to help achieve a more realistic picture of the actual catches of the EU fleet, the committee introduced a new article stipulating that the Member States concerned should inform the Commission of the quantities of each stock taken in the Angolan fishing zone, in accordance with Regulation No. 500/2001. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Carlos LAGE (PES, Portugal), making some amendments to the Commission's proposal. (Please refer to the document dated 12/11/02.)?

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COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2002/1008/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola. CONTENT : this Decision aims to provisionally apply the fishing Protocol between the EEC and Angola for the period from 3 August 2002 and 2 August 2004 (please refer to the summary dated 16 December 2002 for an outline of the actual Protocol). To this end, the two parties initialled an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters providing for the provisional application of the initialled Protocol from 3 August 2002.?

EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004

PURPOSE : to conclude a new Protocol on the fishing between the EC and Angola for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 2345/2002/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out, for the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004, the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola. CONTENT : this Regulation aims to approve the ninth protocol since the entry into force of the fisheries agreement between the EC and Angola in 1987. The new protocol covers the period from 3 August 2002 to 2 August 2004. It grants fishing opportunities for : - 33 tuna vessels, - 22 shrimp vessels and 4200 GRT per month of demersal trawlers, compared with opportunities for 43 tuna vessels, 22 shrimp vessels and 3750 GRT per month of demersal trawlers under the previous protocol. These levels were fixed on the basis of the conclusions of a group of Angolan and Community scientists, which met in Luanda to review the scientific information on the state of the resources at the same time as the third and final round of negotiations were being conducted. The financial contribution has been increased to EUR 15.500.000 per year compared with EUR 13.975.000 per year in the previous protocol. The increase is justified by the increase in demersal opportunities and by the establishment of a partnership with Angola to encourage responsible and sustainable fisheries. Under this partnership, 36% of the financial contribution is earmarked to finance the development of scientific research, surveillance, artisanal fisheries and local fishing communities, training and aquaculture, and will ensure greater coherence between the fisheries and development policies at Community level. In order to ensure that the level of fishing under the terms of the protocol remains consistent with the responsible management of the resources, a scientific meeting will be held once per year to monitor the state of the stocks. Based on the results of these meetings, the fishing opportunities under the protocol will, if necessary, be revised. 7 Member States are involved in this Protocol : Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, France and the Netherlands and/or Ireland in specific cases. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Regulation shall enter into force 31.12.2002. The protocol shall enter into force when all the parties have notified each other on the conclusions of their respective approval.?