

Procedure file

Basic information	
CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	2003/0227(CNS) Procedure completed
EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006	
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries	
Geographical area Guinea-Bissau	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		25/11/2003
		PPE-DE STEVENSON Struan	
Council of the European Union	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets		04/11/2003
		PSE DÜHRKOP DÜHRKOP Bárbara	
	DEVE Development and Cooperation	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
European Commission	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
	Agriculture and Fisheries	2578	26/04/2004
	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
10/10/2003	Legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0593	Summary
05/11/2003	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
16/03/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A5-0163/2004	
01/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	T5-0253/2004	Summary
26/04/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2003/0227(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/5/20203

Documentation gateway					
Legislative proposal		COM(2003)0593	10/10/2003	EC	Summary
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A5-0163/2004	16/03/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T5-0253/2004 OJ C 103 29.04.2004, p. 0678-0766 E	01/04/2004	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	EUR-Lex

Final act
Regulation 2004/829 OJ L 127 29.04.2004, p. 0025-0026 Summary

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006

PURPOSE : to present a proposal on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of amendments to the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006, and Council Decision of 26 February 2001 setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector **PROPOSED ACT** : Council Regulation. **CONTENT** : the Protocol attached to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau covers the period from 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006. The two Parties met in Bissau on 19 and 20 May 2003, within the Joint Committee provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement between Guinea-Bissau and the European Community, to analyse all aspects of the implementation of the provisions of the Protocol on fisheries and the ad hoc Council Decision of 26 February 2001. They noted the difficulties encountered with the utilisation of fishing rights, in particular the low utilisation of licences in the shrimp trawler segment. The two Parties agreed to amend some of the technical characteristics of the Protocol and, with the priority on the protection and good management of Guinea-Bissau's fisheries resources, agreed that they should, by way of precaution, reduce fishing effort in certain fisheries in the final two years covered by the Protocol (16 June 2004 - 15 June 2006) in accordance with the guidelines set out in the interim reports following scientific monitoring campaigns. The two delegations also agreed on the principle of reprogramming specific support measures for the fisheries sector and of devising a programming method and allocating financial resources to this end (financing a scientific programme to improve information on fisheries resources and monitoring of the evolution of resources; support for improved health and hygiene conditions in the fisheries sector; institutional support for the Ministry of Fisheries; support for investments in the small-scale fishing sector; fisheries monitoring and control). In addition, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau also agreed to review all agreements (bilateral and/or private agreements) currently in force with a view to reducing fishing effort in segments which are over-exploited, guaranteeing compliance with commitments to promote responsible fishing, reviewing fisheries agreements, putting a freeze on new bilateral and private agreements, and strengthening fisheries monitoring policy so as to ensure the rational management of fisheries resources. The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt by Regulation the exchange of letters with the amendments to the Protocol and to the Council Decision of 26 February 2001. The Commission provides specifically for: - from 16 June 2004, until the expiry of the Protocol, the fishing opportunities granted pursuant to the Agreement shall be as follows: a) freezer shrimp trawlers: 4 400 gross registered tonnes (GRT); b) freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers: 4 400 gross registered tonnes (GRT); c) freezer tuna seiners: 40 vessels; d) pole-and-line tuna

vessels and surface longliners: 30 vessels. - the two Parties have agreed to allow exchanges of fishing rights between the first two categories (freezer shrimp trawlers and freezer fin-fish and cephalopod trawlers) in the period 16 June 2003 to 15 June 2004, this flexibility being needed to ensure that the Protocol on fisheries is more efficiently used; - from 16 June 2004, the compensation provided for in the Agreement shall be EUR 7 260 000 per year; - the support measures in the fisheries sector shall be financed from financial resources available under the Council Decision of 26 February 2001 (EUR 3 250 000); - reducing fishing effort in segments which are over-exploited, particularly shrimp fishing. The fishing opportunities provided for in the Agreement shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: a) shrimp: Italy 1 776 GRT; Spain 1421 GRT; Portugal 1 066 GRT; Greece 137 GRT. b) fin-fish/cephalopods: Spain 3 143 GRT; Italy 786 GRT; Greece 471 GRT. c) tuna seiners: Spain 20 vessels; France 19 vessels; Italy 1 vessel. If the licence applications from the Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS : - Budget line concerned : B78000 + B7800A: "International Fisheries Agreements"; - Overall multiannual estimate of expenditure: EUR 19.95 million; - Period of application: 2004 - 2006; - Impact on staff and administrative expenditure : 9 permanent and 2 temporary amounts to an expense of EUR 1 070 372 per year and EUR 19 480 per year for the other administrative expenditure deriving from the action (mission, meetings, etc).?

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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK), approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a few amendments reflecting Parliament's traditional position with regard to the renewal of fishing agreements. Believing that Parliament should be kept informed of how the agreement is being managed, the committee stipulated that the Commission should draw up a yearly report on its implementation. Moreover, before concluding any new agreement, the Commission should submit a report to Parliament and Council on the application and conditions of implementation of the previous protocol, with particular reference to the specific measures. Only after these reports had been received and Parliament consulted should the Council authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations for possible new agreements. ?

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK), approving the non-binding resolution on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006 and Council Decision of 26 February 2001 setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector. This text was subject to a few amendments (please refer to the summary dated 16/03/2004).?

EC/Guinea-Bissau fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 16th June 2001 to 15th June 2006

PURPOSE : to conclude a fishing agreement between the EEC and Guinea-Bissau. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 829/2004/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the provisional application of amendments to the Protocol establishing the fishing opportunities and the compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau for the period 16 June 2001 to 15 June 2006, and in Decision 2001/179/EC setting the terms for financial support to Guinea-Bissau in the fisheries sector. CONTENT : This Regulation approves the above-mentioned Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, The fishing opportunities provided for in the Fisheries Agreement will be allocated among the Member States as follows: shrimp: - Italy 1 776 GRT, - Spain 1 421 GRT, - Portugal 1 066 GRT, - Greece 137 GRT; fin-fish/cephalopods: - Spain 3 143 GRT, - Italy 786 GRT, - Greece 471 GRT; tuna seiners: - Spain 20 vessels, - France 19 vessels, - Italy 1 vessel; surface longliners and pole-and-line vessels: - Spain 21 vessels, - France 5 vessels, - Portugal 4 vessels. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State. The Member States whose vessels are fishing under the Fisheries Agreement are obliged to notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock taken in Guinea-Bissau's fishing zone in accordance with the arrangements laid down in Commission Regulation 500/2001/EC. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 30/04/04.?