# Procedure file

Basic information		
AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	2003/0332(AVC)	Procedure completed
Highly Migratory Fish Stocks Conservation: convention for the Western and Central Pacific Ocean		
Subject 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	PECH Fisheries		20/01/2004
		PSE MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS Rosa	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
	BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
	ENVI Environment, Public Health and Food Safety	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
Council of the Furances Union	Council configuration	Meeting	Date
Council of the European Union		2578	26/04/2004
	Agriculture and Fisheries		
	Competitiveness (Internal Market, Industry, Research and Space)	2570	11/03/2004
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries		

Key events			
08/01/2004	Initial legislative proposal published	COM(2003)0855	Summary
15/03/2004	Legislative proposal published	06132/1/2004	
16/03/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
16/03/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<u>A5-0174/2004</u>	
29/03/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/04/2004	Decision by Parliament	<u>T5-0251/2004</u>	Summary
26/04/2004	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
26/04/2004	End of procedure in Parliament		

04/02/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		
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Technical information		
Procedure reference	2003/0332(AVC)	
Procedure type	AVC - Assent procedure (historic)	
Procedure subtype	International agreement	
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1/2; EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037	
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed	
Committee dossier	PECH/5/20577	

Documentation gateway				
Initial legislative proposal	COM(2003)0855	08/01/2004	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal	06132/1/2004 OJ C 098 23.04.2004, p. 0034	15/03/2004	CSL	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	<u>A5-0174/2004</u>	16/03/2004	EP	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading	T5-0251/2004 OJ C 103 29.04.2004, p. 0678-0765 E	01/04/2004	EP	Summary

Additional information	
European Commission	<u>EUR-Lex</u>

#### Final act

<u>Decision 2005/75</u> OJ L 032 04.02.2005, p. 0001-0036 Summary

### Highly Migratory Fish Stocks Conservation: convention for the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

PURPOSE: accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision. CONTENT: the proposed Council Decision approves the accession of the European Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific ocean. The objective of the Convention is to ensure, through effective management, the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement (UNFSA). For this purpose, the Convention establishes a fisheries Commission of which all Contracting Parties to the Convention are members, known as the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). The Convention applies to all species of highly migratory fish stocks (as listed in Annex I of UNCLOS) and such other species of fish as the Commission may determine, occurring in the Convention Area, except sauries. The Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean was open for signature at the 7th session of the Multilateral High Level Conference held in Honolulu, on 5 September 2000. As of 1 October 2003, 19 States had signed the Convention and 10 had ratified it. The Convention will enter into force 30 days after the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession by three States situated north of the 20° parallel of north latitude and seven States situated south of the 20° parallel of north latitude. However, if, within three years of its adoption (i.e. by September 2003), the Convention has not been ratified by three States situated north of the 20° parallel of north latitude, it will nevertheless enter into force six months after the deposit of the thirteenth instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession. At present, therefore, three ratification instruments are needed for the Convention to enter into force. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: - Budget line: 110302 (ex B78001): International fisheries: contributions to international organisations; -Total allocation for action (Part B): open-ended action; - Period of application: from 2005 onwards; - Overall multiannual estimate of expenditure: annual expenditure will depend on the contribution the Community must make to the Organisation's budget; - Total commitments appropriations: EUR 0.732 million/year.?

The committee adopted the report by Rosa MIGUÉLEZ RAMOS (PES, E) recommending that Parliament give its assent to the accession of the Community to the Convention.?

# Highly Migratory Fish Stocks Conservation: convention for the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

The European Parliament voted in favour of the report by Rosa MIGUELEZ RAMOS (PES, E) granting assent to the European Union on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.?

## Highly Migratory Fish Stocks Conservation: convention for the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

PURPOSE: the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision 2005/75/EC

CONTENT: This Decision approves the accession of the European Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.