


Procedure file

Basic information		
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Requesting an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility with the Treaties of the Protocol on the EU-Morocco Fisheries Partnership Agreement		
Subject		
3.15.15.04 Fisheries agreements with Maghreb and Mediterranean countries		
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8.40.04 Court of Justice, Court of First Instance		
Geographical area		
Morocco		
Western Sahara		

Key players		
European Parliament		
European Commission		
	Commission DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	Commissioner DAMANAKI Maria

Key events			
29/09/2011	Results of vote in Parliament		
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Technical information	
Procedure reference	2011/2826(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Resolution on statement
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 114-p6
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure rejected

Documentation gateway				
Motion for a resolution		B7-0519/2011	14/09/2011	EP

Requesting an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility with the Treaties of the Protocol on the EU-Morocco Fisheries Partnership Agreement

The European Parliament rejected by 221 votes to 302, with 30 abstentions, a resolution, drafted on the basis of an initiative presented by 77 Members, requesting an opinion from the Court of Justice on the compatibility with the Treaties of the Protocol on the EU-Morocco Fisheries

Partnership Agreement. A new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial compensation provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco was signed on 13 July 2011. The application of the new Protocol extends to the waters off the coast of Western Sahara, which has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1963.

According to the Members who backed the motion for a resolution, the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruling would dispel legal uncertainty as to whether the new Protocol complies with international law as regards the socio-economic interests of the Non-Self-Governing Territory of Western Sahara and the exploitation of its natural resources, and thus as to whether the new Protocol is compatible with the Treaties in this respect.