

Procedure file

Basic information	
NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2018/0267(NLE) Procedure completed
EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol	
Accompanying procedure 2018/0267M(NLE) See also 2007/0226(CNS)	
Subject 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries	
Geographical area Côte d'Ivoire	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 Fisheries	Shadow rapporteur	
		 ITURGAIZ Carlos	
		 CORBETT Richard	
		 BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun	
	Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
 Development		19/09/2018	
	 THEOCHAROUS Eleni		
 Budgets		09/07/2018	
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Council of the European Union	Commission DG	Commissioner	
European Commission	Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	VELLA Karmenu	

Key events			
02/07/2018	Preparatory document	COM(2018)0503	Summary
23/07/2018	Legislative proposal published	10858/2018	Summary
10/09/2018	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/01/2019	Vote in committee		
28/01/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A8-0030/2019	Summary
11/02/2019	Debate in Parliament		

12/02/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
12/02/2019	Decision by Parliament	T8-0063/2019	Summary
04/03/2019	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
04/03/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
12/03/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2018/0267(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also 2007/0226(CNS)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p7; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/8/13963

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2018)0502	02/07/2018	EC	
Document attached to the procedure		COM(2018)0505	02/07/2018	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2018)0503	02/07/2018	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		10858/2018	24/07/2018	CSL	Summary
Document attached to the procedure		10856/2018	24/07/2018	CSL	
Committee draft report		PE629.693	07/11/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE626.908	12/12/2018	EP	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE629.619	18/12/2018	EP	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0030/2019	28/01/2019	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0063/2019	12/02/2019	EP	Summary

Final act

[Decision 2019/385](#)
[OJ L 070 12.03.2019, p. 0001](#) Summary

EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the fisheries partnership Agreement between the Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the fisheries partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community entered into force on 18 April 2008. The previous Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 1 July 2013 and expired on 30 June 2018.

On the basis of the relevant negotiating directives, the Commission conducted negotiations with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire with a view to concluding a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Côte d'Ivoire.

Following those negotiations, a new Protocol was initialled on 16 March 2018. It shall cover a period of six years from the date of its provisional application.

It is now necessary for this Protocol to be approved on behalf of the European Union.

CONTENT: the present proposal calls on the Council to adopt the decision to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2018-2024).

The main objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to work more closely together on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy, sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Côte d'Ivoire waters, and Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to develop a blue economy.

It also aims to provide fishing opportunities for Union vessels in Côte d'Ivoire waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and following the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 freezer tuna seiners;
- 8 surface longliners.

Joint committee: the partnership Agreement establishes the joint committee responsible for monitoring its implementation. Furthermore, in accordance with the Protocol, this joint committee may approve certain amendments to the Protocol. In order to facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be empowered, subject to specific conditions, to approve them under a simplified procedure.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS: the annual financial contribution is EUR 682 000, based on:

- a reference tonnage of 5 500 tonnes, for which an annual amount linked to access has been set at EUR 330 000 for the first two years of application of the Protocol and EUR 275 000 for the remaining years (three to six);
- support for development of the sectoral fisheries policy of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for an amount of EUR 352 000 per year during the first two years of application of the Protocol and EUR 407 000 for the remaining years (three to six).

EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the fisheries partnership agreement between the Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the fisheries partnership agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community entered into force on 18 April 2008. The previous Protocol to the agreement entered into force on 1 July 2013 and expired on 30 June 2018.

The Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union, a new Protocol implementing the Agreement. The Protocol was initialled on 16 March 2018. It has applied on a provisional basis since the date of signature and must now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the fisheries partnership agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2018-2024).

The objective of the Protocol is to enable the Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire ('Côte d'Ivoire') to work more closely on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy, sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Ivorian waters, and Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to develop a blue economy.

The Agreement establishes the Joint Committee responsible for monitoring its implementation. Furthermore, in accordance with the Protocol, the Joint Committee may approve certain amendments to the Protocol. In order to facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be empowered, subject to specific conditions, to approve those amendments under a simplified procedure.

For details of fishing opportunities and the financial impact of the draft Protocol on the EU budget, see the summary of the Commission's original legislative proposal dated 2/7/2018.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol

The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2018-2024).

The committee recommended that the European Parliament give its consent to conclusion of the protocol.

The protocols aim is to enable the Union and the Côte d'Ivoire to work more closely on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy, sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Ivorian waters, and Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to develop a blue economy.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol

The European Parliament adopted by 498 votes to 81, with 21 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

The European Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol. It also adopted a [non-legislative resolution](#) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol.

EC/Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement 2018-2024. Protocol

PURPOSE: to approve the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024).

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2019/385 on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2018-2024).

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (2018-2024).

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community entered into force on 18 April 2008. The last Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 1 July 2013 and expired on 30 June 2018.

The Commission negotiated, on behalf of the Union, a new Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement. The Protocol has provisionally applied since its date of signature (1 August 2018), subject to its conclusion at a later date.

The main objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to work more closely together on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy, sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Côte d'Ivoire waters, and Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to develop a blue economy.

Fishing opportunities

It also aims to provide fishing opportunities for Union vessels in Côte d'Ivoire waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and following the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 freezer tuna seiners;
- 8 surface longliners.

Financial contribution

The financial contribution of the agreement is set at EUR 682 000 per year, i.e. a total amount of EUR 4 092 000 for the period covered by the agreement. It includes:

- an annual amount of EUR 330 000 for access to the Ivorian fishing zone for the first two years of application of this Protocol and EUR 275 000 for subsequent years corresponding to a reference tonnage of 5 500 tonnes per year; and
- a specific annual amount of EUR 352 000 for the first two years of application of this Protocol and EUR 407 000 for the following years, intended to contribute to the implementation of Côte d'Ivoire's sectoral fisheries policy.

The agreement establishes the Joint Committee to monitor its implementation. In addition, in accordance with the Protocol, the Joint Committee may approve certain amendments to the Protocol. In order to facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission will be empowered, subject to specific conditions, to approve such amendments by a simplified procedure.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 13.3.2019.