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NLE - Non-legislative enactments Decision	2022/0014(NLE) Awaiting Parliament's vote
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Key players			
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Key events			
25/01/2022	Preparatory document	COM(2022)0023	Summary
08/04/2022	Legislative proposal published	05657/2022	Summary
05/05/2022	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/07/2022	Vote in committee		
19/07/2022	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st		

Forecasts

14/09/2022

Vote in plenary scheduled

Technical information

Procedure reference	2022/0014(NLE)
Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legislative instrument	Decision
	See also Decision 2018/754 2017/0223(NLE)
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 043-p2; Treaty on the Functioning of the EU TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Awaiting Parliament's vote
Committee dossier	PECH/9/08232

Documentation gateway

Document attached to the procedure		COM(2022)0022	25/01/2022	EC	
Preparatory document		COM(2022)0023	25/01/2022	EC	Summary
Legislative proposal		05657/2022	08/04/2022	CSL	Summary
Committee draft report		PE732.580	19/05/2022	EP	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE731.799	30/06/2022	EP	

EU/Mauritius Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution 2017-2021. Extension of the Protocol

PURPOSE: to conclude, on behalf of the European Union, the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius on an extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius.

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: on 28 September 2021, the Council adopted a decision authorising the European Commission to open negotiations for a new protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and, if necessary, in order to avoid interruption of fishing activities, for a limited extension of the current 2017-2021 protocol to the Agreement, which expired on 7 December 2021.

The 2017-2021 Protocol allowed the EU fleet to fish for tuna and tuna-like species in Mauritian waters, up to an indicative level of annual fishing possibilities set at 4000 tonnes.

The two parties have agreed on an extension of the 2017-2021 Protocol for a maximum period of six months. This extension was established by an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters, initialled on 6 December 2021.

CONTENT: the purpose of the proposal for a decision is to authorise the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters extending for a maximum period of six months the 2017-2021 Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius.

Objectives

The aim of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters is to:

- continue granting fishing opportunities to European Union vessels in Mauritius waters in accordance with scientific advice and the recommendations of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), within the limits of the available surplus;

- continue strengthening cooperation between the European Union and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius, thereby creating a partnership framework within which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in the fishing zone of the Republic of Mauritius, in the interests of both parties.

The Agreement forms part of the EUs external action in relation to ACP countries and takes into account, in particular, EU objectives on respecting democratic principles and human rights.

Fishing opportunities and financial contribution

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provides for indicative fishing opportunities of 2 000 tonnes and a corresponding adjustment of the EU financial contribution for access.

The EUs financial contribution for six months is EUR 287 500, based on:

- (a) an amount for access to fishery resources for the categories provided for in the Protocol, set at EUR 110 000 for the duration of the extension of the Protocol;
- (b) support for the development of the Republic of Mauritius sectoral fisheries policy amounting to EUR 110 000 for the duration of the extension of the Protocol. This support meets the objectives of the Republic of Mauritius national policy on the sustainable management of their maritime fishery resources for the entire duration of the extension of the Protocol;
- (c) support for the development of maritime policy and ocean economy amounting to EUR 67 500.

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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 Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius on the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius, signed subject to its conclusion at a later date, must now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision concerns the approval on behalf of the Union of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius on the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius

The objectives of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters are to enable the Union and the Republic of Mauritius to continue to work together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in the waters of Mauritius and to allow Union vessels to engage in fishing activities in those waters.

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters provides for indicative fishing opportunities of 2 000 tonnes and a corresponding adjustment of the EU financial contribution for access. The EUs financial contribution for six months is EUR 287 500.