

EC/São Tomé and Príncipe Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Luis Manuel Capoulas **Santos** (PES, PT) and made some amendments to the Commission's proposal. The resolution was adopted by 514 votes in favour to 69 against with 98 abstentions. A new recital states that evaluation of the previous agreement revealed problems concerning the control and surveillance of the activities of certain vessels operating under the terms of that agreement, especially as regards reporting of activities and catches. Accordingly, new operative clauses state the following:

-the Commission shall verify each year that Member States whose vessels operate under the Protocol are complying with reporting requirements. If not, the Commission shall withhold requests for fishing licences for those vessels for the following year;

-during the final year of the Protocol's validity and before any new agreement is concluded or the current agreement is extended, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council a report on the application of the current agreement and the conditions under which it was implemented, including a cost-benefit analysis;

-the Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of the multiannual sectoral programme referred to in Article 7(2) of the Protocol.