EC/Solomon Islands Fisheries Partnership Agreement

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PURPOSE: to conclude a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Solomon Islands.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: on the basis of the Council Decision of 22 September 2009 authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the Community with a view to concluding a Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Solomon Islands, the Community has negotiated with Solomon Islands a Fisheries Partnership Agreement providing EU vessels with fishing opportunities in the waters over which Solomon Islands has sovereignty or jurisdiction in respect of fisheries.

As a result of those negotiations, a new Fisheries Partnership Agreement was initialled on 26 September 2009. It was signed and provisionally applied from 9 October 2010.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: no impact assessment was carried out.

LEGAL BASE: Article 43(2) in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

CONTENT: under this proposed Decision, the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Solomon Islands is hereby approved, subject to the consent of the European Parliament.

The main elements of this Agreement are detailed in the summary of the document annexed to the procedure dated 27/05/2010.