EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen, extending deadlines

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PURPOSE : to amend Council Regulation 2561/2001/EC aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco. LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Regulation 2325/2003/EC amending Regulation 2561/2001/EC aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco. CONTENT : the Council unanimously adopted a Regulation amending Regulation 2561/2001/EC aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco. This Regulation repeals the provisions stipulating that individual lump sums may be paid to fishermen only if the vessel on which they were employed has permanently ceased its activities. The agreement on the relations as regards sea fishing between the European Community and the Kingdom of Morocco expired on 30 November 1999; at that date, more than 400 fishing vessels and about 4 300 fishermen were forced to stop their activities. ENTRY INTO FORCE : 03/01/2004.