EU/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 18 January 2011 to 17 January 2014. Protocol

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the recommendation drafted by Alain CADEC (EPP, FR) in which it calls on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles.

In the interests of transparency, Members ask to be better informed about the work carried out by the Joint Committee. In this regard, they request that the Commission send them the conclusions of the meetings and proceedings of the Joint Committee that is provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles and the multiannual sectoral programme mentioned in the Protocol. Members also call for representatives of its Committee on Fisheries, acting as observers, to attend meetings of the Joint Committee.

The committee calls on the Commission to submit an implementation review of the Partnership Agreement to Parliament and the Council in the final year of application of the Protocol, before negotiations are opened on the agreement’s renewal.

Lastly, Members ask the Commission for a report on piracy in the Seychelles exclusive economic zone between 2006 and 2010 and its effect on Seychelles and EU fishing operations.