EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 16 June 2011 to 15 June 2012. Protocol

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The European Parliament adopted by 628 votes to 22, with 20 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council Decision regarding the conclusion of a Protocol between the European Union and Guinea-Bissau setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol to the Agreement. However, it called on the Commission, in the interests of transparency, to forward to Parliament the minutes and the conclusions of the meetings of the Joint Committee provided for in the Agreement, as well as the annual programming provided for in the new Protocol and the corresponding annual report. It calls on the Commission to facilitate the participation of representatives of Parliament as observers in the meetings of the Joint Committee. It also calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament and to the Council, before the expiry of the new Protocol, an evaluation report on its implementation.

Lastly, it invites the Commission and the Council, in the context of their respective competences, to keep Parliament immediately and fully informed, at all stages of the procedures related to the new Protocol and its renewal, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Treaty.