EU/Gabon Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 24 July 2013 to 23 July 2016. Protocol

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic.

Members recommended that Parliament should give its consent to conclusion of the Protocol.

In the interests of transparency, Members called on the Commission to:

- forward to Parliament the minutes and the conclusions of the meetings of the Joint Committee as well as the multiannual sectoral programme and the corresponding annual evaluations, and the minutes and the conclusions of the meetings;
- facilitate the participation of representatives of Parliament as observers in the meetings of the Joint Committee;
- submit to Parliament and the Council, within the last year of application of the protocol and before the opening of negotiations for its renewal, a full report on its implementation, gauging the uptake of fishing opportunities and assessing the cost-effectiveness of the protocol, there should be no unnecessary restrictions on access to that report.

Lastly, they called on the Council and the Commission, acting within the limits of their respective powers, to keep Parliament immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures related to the new protocol and its renewal, pursuant to the pertinent provisions of the Treaty.