EC/Comoros Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution. EU/Comoros Protocol

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The Committee on Fisheries unanimously adopted the report by Jarosaw Leszek WASA (EPP, PL) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement currently in force between the two parties.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament should give its consent to the 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 to monitor the implementation, interpretation and application of the Agreement, as well as the evaluation of the progress made in implementing multiannual sectorial programme;
- 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, without unnecessary restrictions on document access.

Lastly, Members 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.