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

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The European Parliament adopted by 622 votes to 31, with 11 abstentions, a legislative resolution 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 by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Seychelles.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

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

- provide Parliament with relevant information on the joint scientific meetings provided for in Article 4 of the Partnership Agreement and on meetings of the joint committee provided for in Article 9 of the Partnership Agreement, in particular the corresponding minutes and conclusions, together with an annual report on the practical implementation of the multiannual sectoral support programme referred to in the Protocol;
- to allow the representatives of its Committee on Fisheries, acting as observers, to be able to attend the above meetings of the joint committee of the Partnership Agreement.

Lastly, Parliament called on the Commission to submit to the Parliament and the Council, during the final year of the Protocol's validity and before the opening of negotiations on its renewal, an ex-post assessment report on its implementation, containing an analysis of the uptake of fishing opportunities and a cost-benefit analysis of the Protocol, along with a report on possible constraints on fishing operations and damage caused to the Union fleet operating in the Seychelles' Exclusive Economic Zone **as a result of piracy in this part of the Indian Ocean**.