EC/Guinea-Bissau Fisheries Partnership Agreement: fishing opportunities and financial contribution from 24 November 2014 to 23 November 2017. Protocol

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted a recommendation by João FERREIRA (GUE/NGL, PT) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

Members called on the European Parliament to give its consent to the conclusion of the Protocol.

They welcomed the Protocol given its importance for both Guinea-Bissau and for EU fleets operating in that country’s waters.

Nevertheless, Members considered it necessary to carry out a more detailed assessment of this agreement, its background and its prospects for the future.

There is a need to improve the quality and accuracy of data on all catches and on the conservation status of fishery resources in general, along with support for Guinea-Bissau to develop its own capacities for obtaining this data.

Members stressed that Parliament must be kept immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures related to the protocol or its renewal.