Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna: membership of the Extended Commission

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The Committee on Fisheries adopted the report by Carlos ITURGAIZ (EPP, ES) on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) concerning the membership of the Union in the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna.

The committee recommended the European Parliament to **give its consent** to the conclusion of the Agreement.

To recall, the proposal concerns authorisation of the Exchange of Letters between the EU and the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, (CCSBT). The signing of this instrument of international law will allow the EU to become a full member of the CCSBT Extended Commission, having enjoyed cooperating non-member status since 2006.

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) is a Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO) responsible for the management of Southern Bluefin Tuna wherever it is to be found. The Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna entered into force on 20 May 1994.