# EC/Sao Tomé e Principe fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st June 1999 to 31 May 2002

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PURPOSE : to conclude a new fishing Protocol between the Community and Sao Tome e Principe for the preiod 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 428/2000/EC on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out for the period 01.06.1999 to 31.05.2002 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome e Principe of fishing off the coast of Sao Tome e Principe. CONTENT : the fishing opportunities offered in this Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: - freezer tuna seiners: France 18, Spain 18; - pole-and-line tune vessels: France 7; - surface longliners: Spain 28, Portugal 5. If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. The financial compensation shall be EUR 318 750 per year covering an annual catch of 8 500 tonnes in Sao Tome e Principe waters. If the average catch exceeds this quantity, the amount of the financial compensation shall be increased by EUR 50 per additional tonne. During the period covered by the Protocol, the Community shall contribute an additional EUR 956 250 to financing the following measures: - scientific and technological programmes to promote better understanding of fisheries and living resources (EUR 286 875); - stepping up surveillance, inspection and checks in the fishing zones (EUR 286 875); - institutional support to the administrative department responsible for fisheries (EUR 114 750); - study grants and practical training courses in the various scientific, technical and economic fields linked to fishing; Sao Tome e Principe's to international fisheries organisations and expenses of Sao Tome e Principe delegates participating in international meetings concerning fisheries (EUR 191 250); - aid for small-scale fishing (EUR 76 500). An annual report will be transmitted to the Community from the Minister in charge of Fishing in these countries on the implementation of these various actions. The terms for the granting of licences and obligations on Community vessels which operate in the Sao Tome e Principe fishing zone (in particular : the conditions realting to the granting of yearly licences of which the amount is fixed at EUR 25 per tonne, declarations of catches indicated in a fishing logbook, provisions relating to the inspection and control on vessels, obligations relating to embarcation of observers and sailors, delineation of the fishing zones, standards to be respected concerning the signalling of the position of the fishing vessels and by-catches, and procedures to follow in case of boarding) are specified in an annex to the Protocol. ENRTY INTO FORCE : this Regulation enters into force on 29.02.2000. The Protocol shall enter into force as soon as the necessary notifications have been completed.