EC/Comoros Fisheries Partnership Agreement: denunciation

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PURPOSE: to denounce the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Decision (EU) 2018/757 denouncing the Partnership Agreement in the fisheries sector between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros.

CONTENT: the Council adopted a Decision **denouncing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Union of the Comoros**.

One of the objectives of the EU-Comoros FPA is to ensure that the measures for the conservation and management of fish stocks are effective, and that illegal, undeclared or unregulated ('IUU') fishing is prevented. It may be terminated by either Party in the event of serious circumstances such as the failure to comply with undertakings made with regard to combating IUU fishing.

In view of the repeated non-compliance by the Comoros with its commitments to combat IUU fishing, the Council decided to denounce the existing FPA.

The Commission, on behalf of the European Union, shall notify the Union of the Comoros of the denunciation. The denunciation shall take effect six months after that notification.

However, if the Union of the Comoros is withdrawn from the list of non-cooperating third countries under Article 33 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 (IUU Regulation) before the denunciation takes effect, the denunciation should be withdrawn and the Commission shall immediately notify this withdrawal to the Union of the Comoros.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 25.5.2018.