Coastal zones: integrated management ICZM, implementation of a strategy

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The Council accepted in full, in substance or in part 32 of the 41 amendments approved by the European Parliament. Those it accepted in part relate to: - characteristics and problems of coastal zones; - a new recital on fishing activities; - a new recital on growth; - on stocktaking; - on National Strategies; - on future EU legislation; - on information to the public; - on public participation; - on the Commission review. In many of these amendments the common position has omitted any reference to "binding" provisions. Amendments accepted by the Commission but not by the Council refer to: - adding a reference to the International Maritime Organisation; - adding reference to increased pressure on coastal zones; - adding a reference to coastal erosion and flooding; - on national strategies; - on the need to enforce existing conventions with neighbouring countries; - on evaluation by the Member States of compliance with Community law. Some other minor modification have been introduced in order to clarify or add details to the Commission proposal. On the whole though the Council has tried to maintain the overall orientation of the text.