EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for teh period from 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002

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PURPOSE: to propose a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out for the period from 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002 the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola. CONTENT: The Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and Angola expired on 2 May 2000. A new Protocol was initialled by both parties on 6 July 2000 fixing the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of Community vessels in Angolan waters during the period 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002. The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt the conclusion of the new Protocol by Regulation. A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the new Protocol pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure. The main provisions of the proposed Regulation are the following: 1) fishing opportunites fixed in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows: - shrimp vessels: Spain: 6 550 GRT per month, averaged over the year, 22 vessels; - demersal fishing vessels: Spain: 1 650 GRT per month, averaged over the year Portugal: 1 000 GRT per month, averaged over the year Italy: 650 GRT per month, averaged over the year Greece: 450 GRT per month, averaged over the year - freezer tuna seiners: France: 7 vessels Spain: 11 vessels - surface longliners: Portugal: 5 vessels Spain: 20 vessels - pelagic fishing vessels Ireland: 2 vessels. 2) if licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Prootcol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State. 3) the financial contribution in the Protocol is set at EUR 13 975 000 per year (including EUR 9 950 000 per year by way of financial compensation and EUR 4 025 000 per year for specific measures as follows: - Angolan scientifc and technical programmes to improve knowledge of fishery and biological resources in Angola's fishing zone: EUR 750 000 - quality control programme: EUR 350 000 - programme of support for fisheries surveillance: EUR 775 000 - programme to develop non-industrial fishing: EUR 150 000 - programme of institutional support to the Ministry for Fisheries and the Environment EUR 500 000 - programme to finance fishing schools, study grants, practical training in the various scientific, technical and economic disciplines related to fisheries and participation in international organisations, seminars, symposia and workshops: EUR 1 500 000.