Multi-annual guidance programme MAGP IV for the fishing fleets end 2000. Annual report

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PURPOSE : to present the annual report on the results of the multi-annual guidance programmes for the fishing fleets at the end of 2000. CONTENT : this Communication concerns the report to the Council and the European Parliament on the progress of the fourth multiannual guidance programme (MAGP IV) for the fishing fleets. The report is produced each year in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 of Council Regulation 2792/1999/EC. These annual reports aim to ensure the transparent implementation of the MAGP IV, which fixes fleet capacity and fishing effort objectives that must be achieved progressively over the period 1.1.1997 to 31.12.2001. This year's report is on the progress of the programmes at the end of 2000. Using data from the fishing vessel register of the Community and reports submitted to the Commission by national authorities, it summarises the evolution of the tonnage and power of the fleet in comparison with the intermediate and final objectives of the MAGP IV. The report is therefore entirely factual. During the first four years of the MAGP IV, the Community fleet was reduced by 49,983 GT and 459,866 kW, which represent reductions in fleet capacity of approximately 2.5% and 5.9% respectively. On 1 January 2001, the Community fleet was already approximately 17% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of tonnage and 12% below the final MAGP IV objectives in terms of power. The degree to which the MAGPs have been respected varies greatly from Member State to Member State. Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and Finland have met their objectives in all segments of their fleets. Germany, Greece, Ireland and Sweden have met their global objectives, but have further reductions to make in one or more segments. France, Italy and the Netherlands have not yet met the global objectives of their MAGP. According to the data in the fleet register, the United Kingdom has met its global objectives in terms of power but not in terms of tonnage. However, according to the report submitted by the United Kingdom, the tonnage of objectives adjusted for the effect of fleet remeasurement in units of GT have been met.