EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January to 31st December 2002

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PURPOSE: An adoption of a fishing Protocol between the European Community and the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea. CONTENT: The Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Revolutionary People's Republic of Guinea expired on 31 December 2001. An extension by one year of the Agreement is now being sought in the form of an Exchange of Letters. This sets out the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of Community vessels off the Guinean cost from 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002. In light of this, the Commission proposes, that the Council adopt the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the extension of the Protocol. A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the Agreement pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure. More specifically, the fishing opportunities for trawlers and tuna boats fixed in the Protocol shall be allocated pro rata temporis among the Member States as follows: 1) fin-fish/cephalopods: Spain 844 GRT Italy 750 GRT Greece 906 GRT 2) shrimps: Spain 1 050 GRT Portugal 300 GR Greece 150 GRT 3) tuna seiners: France 19 vessels Spain 19 vessels 4) pole-and-line tuna vessels: France 7 vessels Spain 7 vessels 5) surface longliners: Spain 14 vessels Portugal 2 vessels. 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.