Rules for access to certain Community fishing areas and resources

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the committee decided, with one vote against, to adopt a short text accepting the principle of full integration of Spain and Portugal into the Common Fisheries Policy, by 1 January 1996, but calling for respect for the principles of relative stability and no increase in total fishing effort. Fishing effort will be defined on the basis of a system of lists of fishing vessels established by the Member States for each ICES and CECAF zone. However, vessels of less than 10 metres will be subject to an overall maximum limit set for each Member State. The committee also left the door open for the Commission to carry out by 31 December 1995 biological, socio-economic and technical studies which could allow for 'sensitive' zones to be established with the necessary means to limit fishing effort on a non-discriminatory basis.