EC/Angola fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 3 May 1995 to 2 May 1999

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On 20 January 1996, the committee adopted the report by Mr Arlindo CUNHA (PPE, P) on the fisheries agreement with Angola. The rapporteur welcomed this agreement, which contained several positive points. The three-year term (May 96 - May 99) will allow the sector to plan its activities; although the cost had risen, fishing rights had been extended to certain commercially successful species; for the first time, a biological respite can be decreed should stocks diminish. Finally, it will have a positive impact on development, especially on the training plan, with an increase in the number of Angolan seamen on board Community vessels. Although this was all highly positive, the rapporteur stressed that the decision-making process within the EU needed to be improved. The amendments therefore seek to ensure that the European Parliament is better informed, mainly in the form of an assessment by the European Commission before the protocol is renewed.