EC/Guinea fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st January 2000 to 31 December 2001

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The committee adopted the report drawn up by Daniel VARELA SUANZES-CARPEGNA (EPP/ED, E) under the consultation procedure approving, with a few amendments, the protocol to the agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea on fishing off the Guinean coast for the period 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2001. The report said that the new protocol to the agreement would contribute to the development of local fisheries and thus increase the country·s food security. It would also ensure that much of the European fleet would be able to continue operating in these waters. Above all, the protocol would contribute to the conservation of the country·s fishery resources by ensuring they were exploited in a controlled and rational way. The amendments adopted by the committee included demands for Parliament to be kept better informed. The Commission was asked to submit a general assessment report on the protocol as well as a copy of the annual report on the implementation of targeted measures which the Guinean authorities would be required to send to the Commission.