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The committee adopted the report by its chairman, Struan STEVENSON (EPP-ED, UK), approving the proposal under the consultation procedure, subject to a few amendments reflecting Parliament's traditional position with regard to the renewal of fishing agreements. Believing that Parliament should be kept informed of how the agreement is being managed, the committee stipulated that the Commission should draw up a yearly report on its implementation. Moreover, before concluding any new agreement, the Commission should submit a report to Parliament and Council on the application and conditions of implementation of the previous protocol, with particular reference to the specific measures. Only after these reports had been received and Parliament consulted should the Council authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations for possible new agreements.