EC/Madagascar fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 21 May 1995 to 20 May 1998

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- OBJECTIVE: the regulation is aimed at concluding a fisheries protocol between the European Community and Madagascar which lays down the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution of the Community for the period 21.05.1995 to 20.05.1998. - SUBSTANCE: The protocol, which was initialled by the parties on 18.05.1995, allows Community vessels to fish in Malagasy waters subject to the possession of a licence which is issued on payment of annual fees (ECU 20 per tonne caught). These licences are granted, according to the category of vessel and in accordance with specific administrative procedures, for the following: . 42 freezer tuna seiners, .16 surface longliners. At the request of the Community, authorization may be granted for other categories of fishing vessel under conditions to be laid down by common accord in the Joint Committee set up under the Agreement. Community shipowners must declare their catches and take observers and Malagasy seamen on board. In return for the fishing opportunities, the Community shall make a compensatory payment to Madagascar of ECU 1,350,000 for the duration of the Protocol, to be payable is three equal annual instalments and covering a total weight of catch of 9,000 tonnes of tuna a year. The Community will also contribute ECU 375,000 to finance a scientific programme which is intended to improve Madagascar's knowledge of its fish species and will make available to Malagasy nationals technical study awards totalling ECU 450,000.