EC/Mauritania fisheries agreement: supplement to the protocol for the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996

1996/0005(CNS) - 10/01/1996 - Legislative proposal

- OBJECTIVE: conclusion of a Supplement to the Protocol laying down the technical and financial conditions for the fishing activities of Community vessels in Mauritanian waters in the period from 15 November 1995 to 31 July 1996. - SUBSTANCE: Pursuant to Article 3 of the EC-Mauritania fisheries Protocol, which allows further fishing opportunities to be afforded to the Community in Mauritanian waters, the above-mentioned Supplement established fishing opportunities for not more than 18 Spanish cephalopod fishing vessels. The specific figure was 5 250 GRT per month, based on an annual average, and the permitted range of variation was 5% above or below that figure. In the event of any overrun, without exceeding the 5% maximum, shipowners would have had to pay fees for the additional GRT. If the licence applications for Spanish vessels had fallen short of the fishing opportunities provided for in the Protocol, other Member States could have applied for licences to use up the remainder. In return, Mauritania was granted financial compensation of ECU 7 259 000, out of which total it was called upon to use: . ECU 350 000 to finance scientific and technical programmes to improve understanding of Mauritanian fishery resources; . ECU 150 000 to fund practical training for Mauritanian fishermen. The Community accordingly undertook to assist Mauritanian nationals in finding places in establishments in Member States. (It was also permitted to earmark this latter amount to finance expenditure connected with international meetings on fisheries).