EC/Ivory Coast fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 1st July 1997 to 30th June 2000

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OBJECTIVE: under the fisheries agreement between the European Community and Ivory Coast, the fishing opportunities open to Community vessels and the financial compensation granted in exchange to Ivory Coast are the subject of periodically renewed Protocols. The last Protocol expired on 30 June 1997, and the new Protocol seeks its renewal for the period 1 July 1997 - 30 June 2000. SUBSTANCE: The fishing opportunities opened under the Protocol chiefly concern Spanish, French and Portuguese fishermen. The proposed Regulation allocates fishing opportunities among the three fleets: licences for, respectively, 25 French vessels, 33 Spanish vessels, and 5 Portuguese vessels. If licence applications from those Member States do not exhaust the fishing possibilities provided for in the Protocol, licence applications from other Member States may be considered. With particular reference to the Protocol, the fishing opportunities provided for are allocated as follows: - Freezer trawlers designed to fish demersal species, taking deepwater crustaceans, cephalopods and demersal fish: 3 vessels; - pole-and-line tuna vessels: 7 vessels; - surface longliners: 14 vessels; - tuna seiners: 39 vessels. In exchange, Ivory Coast is granted total financial compensation of ECU 3.000.000 including: - ECU 2 400 000 in financial compensation, on the understanding that beyond the fishing opportunities provided for, such compensation will be proportionately increased; - ECU 200 000 for the financing of scientific and technical fisheries development programmes in Ivory Coast; - ECU 300 000 for various fisheries-related activities (fisheries monitoring, support for the fisheries administration and international fisheries organizations; - ECU 100 000 for scholarships and practical training courses for Ivory Coast fishermen. The Annex to the Protocol lays down conditions for the issue of licences and the obligations of Community vessels regarding fishing activities (catch statements and landing, fisheries areas, mesh sizes,, etc.).