EC/Cape Verde fisheries agreement: protocol for the period from 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000

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OBJECTIVE: Under the fisheries agreement between the Community and Cape Verde, the fishing opportunities open to Community vessels and the financial compensation granted in exchange to Cape Verde are the subject of periodically renewed Protocols. The last Protocol expired on 5 September 1997, and the new Protocol seeks its renewal for the period 6 September 1997-5 September 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, 27 French vessels, 38 Spanish vessels and 11 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: - licences for freezer tuna seiners: 37 vessels; - licences for pole-and-line tuna vessels: 10 vessels; - surface longliners: 26 vessels; - bottom longliners; 3 vessels (not more than 210 GRT per vessel). In exchange, Cape Verde is granted a financial compensation of ECU 1.086.000 covering a catch weight of 5000 tonnes of tuna per year. Beyond this quantity, the amount of financial compensation is proportionately increased. The Community also contributes to the financing of Cape Verde scientific and technical fisheries development programmes for a total amount of ECU 267.440 and the financing of scholarships and training courses for Cape Verde fishermen not exceeding ECU 178.300. 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.).