Measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities (Spadare driftnets)

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OBJECTIVE: the Union's participation in the financing of the Italian plan for the conversion of the tuna and swordfish fishing fleet. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Decision 97/292/EC on a specific measure to encourage Italian fishermen to diversify out of certain fishing activities. SUBSTANCE: as part of a plan drawn up by the Italian authorities to restructure and convert fishing for large pelagic fish (tuna and swordfish) with drift nets a specific measure has been introduced that enables aid to be granted to: - nationals of any Member State employed on 22 July 1996 as fishermen on a fishing vessel flying the Italian flag, practising this type of fishing, or who were employed in 1995, in the form of compensation for suspending this activity. The compensation may not exceed ECU 918.23 per fishermen per month, for a maximum of six months; - vessel owners who have undertaken to cease definitively all fishing activity (a maximum of ECU 50 000 in aid granted when fishing activity ceases); - vessel owners who have undertaken to diversify definitively towards another fishing activity (a premium for diversifying not exceeding ECU 20 000). The amount of Community aid (in three years) will be made available by reprogramming structural assistance already allocated under CCA-Italy Objective No 1.