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

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OBJECTIVE: to provide fishing opportunities open to Community vessels and financial compensation granted in exchange to Cape Verde, in accordance with a new EEC-Cape Verde fishing agreement for the period from 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000. COMMUNITY MEASURE: Council Regulation (EC) no. 200/98 establishing the fishing rights and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Cape Verde on fishing off the coast of Cape Verde for the period from 6 September 1997 to 5 September 2000. CONTENTS: the fishing opportunities opened under the Protocol chiefly concern Spanish, French and Portuguese fishermen. The Regulation defines the key for allocating fishing possibilities between these three fleets by type of vessel and licenses have been granted for: -27 French vessels, -38 Spanish vessels, -11 Portuguese vessels. If applications for licences from these 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; -licences for surface longliners: 26 vessels; -licences for bottom longliners: 3 vessels (not more than 210 GRT per vessel). In exchange, Cape Verde is granted financial compensation of ECU 1 086 000 covering a catch weight of 5 000 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.). ENTRY INTO FORCE: the Regulation enters into force on 31 January 1998; the Protocol will only enter into force once the parties have notified each other of the necessary procedures.