EC/Morocco fisheries agreement: conversion of vessels and fishermen following the non-renewal of the agreement

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The European Parliament adopted the report by Mrs Rosa MIGUELEZ RAMOS (PES, E) subject to a certain number of non-binding amendments. It wants aid to be granted not only to vessel owners and fishermen but also to regions and companies affected by the failure to reach a new agreement. For example, supply companies which can prove that they have lost at least 70% of their turn-over as a consequence of the inactivity of the fleet formerly active in Moroccan water may also benefit from these measures. In addition, Parliament wants aid to be available regardless of the age of the ship, therefore the paragraph specifying the age of the vessels has been deleted. It is proposed that the amount of the Community participation allocation to this action shall be determined by the budgetary authority and not set within the framework of the budgetary procedure of the year 2002 as proposed by the Commission. Lastly, the Parliament has proposed a slight change in the percentages in the allocation of aid by category of measures.