

Common Fisheries Policy: conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources

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The European Parliament adopted the resolution drafted by Ioannis **GKLAVAKIS** (EPP-ED, GR) broadly approving the proposed regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002 on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy. However, it felt that the reallocation of 4% of the tonnage withdrawn with public aid was too low in relation to the whole of the coastal fishing fleet and was not sufficient to improve safety, hygiene, working conditions and product quality on board. Instead, Parliament approved a 10% reallocation rate. In addition, it stipulated that the compulsory 20% reduction in engine power (a condition of being able to replace a vessel's engine using public aid) for vessels over 12m in length must not under any circumstances diminish the vessel's safeness, habitability or the efficiency of fish-processing systems. Furthermore, given that the objective of the reduction is to avoid any increase in the vessel's fishing capacity, the provisions of the first subparagraph shall not be taken into account where the engine is replaced in order to conserve energy and /or improve the vessel's performance in areas other than fishing capacity, or where more selective fishing methods, as regards the use of the vessel, have been opted for.