

EC/Denmark/Greenland Fisheries Partnership Agreement. Protocol from 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2012

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Joop **POST** (EPP-ED, NL) amending the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EC on the one hand, and Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other. It inserted three new recitals stating, respectively:

- if fishing opportunities are established by the Joint Committee at a lower level than that set out in Chapter I of the Annex, Greenland should compensate the Community in subsequent years by corresponding fishing opportunities or in the same year by other fishing opportunities, or by deducting a corresponding proportion of the agreed payment;
- the Community should reserve the right to adjust quotas where, after 2010, they are found not to be in line with EU policy on sustainability;
- in implementing Article 2(1) of the Protocol, the conditions referred to in Article 1(2) of the Protocol should be observed.

New operative clauses state the following:

- the Commission shall report annually to the European Parliament and the Council on the results of the sectoral fisheries policy described in Article 4 of the Protocol;
- the Commission shall evaluate each year whether Member States whose vessels operate under the Protocol have complied with reporting requirements. Where they have not done so, the Commission shall refuse their requests for fishing licences for the following year;
- prior to the expiry of the Protocol and before the beginning of negotiations for a possible renewal, the Commission shall submit to the European Parliament and the Council an ex post evaluation of the Protocol, including a cost-benefit analysis.