Basic information

1998/0332(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Decision	Procedure completed
General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean GFCM: amending agreement, autonomous budget **Subject** 3.15.01 Fish stocks, conservation of fishery resources **Geographical area** Mediterranean Sea area	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries		

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	18/01/1999

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Agriculture and Fisheries	2284	2000-07-17

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
02/12/1998	Legislative proposal published	COM(1998)0690	Summary
11/01/1999	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
19/01/1999	Vote in committee		
17/07/2000	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
17/07/2000	End of procedure in Parliament		
03/08/2000	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Decision
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2-a1 Rules of Procedure EP 52-p1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/4/10681

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
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Legislative proposal	COM(1998)0690 OJ C 015 20.01.1999, p. 0013	02/12/1998	Summary

Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

Decision 2000/0487
OJ L 197 03.08.2000, p. 0035 Summary

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean GFCM: amending agreement, autonomous budget

1998/0332(CNS) - 02/12/1998 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: the acceptance, by the EC, of the amendment to the Agreement of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean establishing an autonomous budget for that Organisation. CONTENT: In the context of the management of fish stocks in the Mediterranean, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) constitutes an essential element, since it is the only multilateral organisation which includes all Coastal States of the Mediterranean. On 16 June 1998, the Council adopted a Decision relating to the accession of the Community to the GFCM. At its meeting of 13-16 October 1997, GFCM had adopted several amendments to the text of the GFCM Agreement. These amendments were of three types: - Permitting regional economic integration organisations to join the GFCM, therefore allowing the accession of the Community to the Organisation; - Reinforcing the Organisation through the creation of a scientific advisory committee and foreseeing annual meetings; - Establishing an autonomous budget. GFCM considers that the first two types of amendment do not represent a 'new obligation' in the sense of Article X.2 of the GFCM Agreement and, consequently, they come into force as from the date of their adoption by GFCM, as laid down in Article X.1 of the said Agreement. These two types of amendments are therefore incorporated in the text accompanying the above-mentioned Council Decision of 16.06.1998. However, the third type of amendment, involving the establishment of an autonomous budget is considered a 'new obligation'. It, therefore, should be subject to the procedure of Article X.2 of the GFCM Agreement, which means that it will come into force after acceptance by two-thirds of GFCM members and, with respect to each member, only on acceptance by that member. The Council Decision of 16 June 1998 did not include the provisions concerning the adoption of the autonomous budget. As the Community has now become a member of the GFCM, it shall accomplish together with the other members the procedure for modifying the Agreement in order to allow for the adoptionj of an autonomous budget. Therefore, the acceptance of this autonomous budget by the EC requires an additional Council Decision. In addition, the acceptance of the autonomous budget for GFCM implies that the Community will provide a financial contribution to that budget; this requires that the declaration of competence and voting rights deposited at the time of the accession of the Community to GFCM, be modified to that effect. The adoption of the autonomous budget is essential for GFCM, according to the Commission. Currently, this organisation depends entirely on the general budget of the FAO. However, the budgetary constraints within FAO limit dramatically the availability of funds for GFCM. This limitation is even more serious taking into account that the structure and functions of GFCM have recently been reinforced. This reinforcement will have no practical effect unless the necessary financial means are provided. For these reasons, the Commission proposes that the Council decide: - that the European Community accept the establishment of anautonomous budget in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean; - that the declaration of competence and voting rights deposited at the time of the accession of the EC to the GFCM be amended.

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1998/0332(CNS) - 19/11/2004 - Implementing legislative act

LEGISLATIVE ACT : Council Decision 2004/815/EC amending the declaration by the European Community on the exercise of competence and voting rights submitted to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean.

CONTENT : GFCM adopted, in 1997, amendments to the text of the agreement establishing an autonomous budget. The Community accepted the amendment of the Agreement establishing the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean with a view to establishing an autonomous budget for that organization. The amendments relative to the autonomous budget entered into force on 29 April 2004. The implementation of an autonomous budget for GFCM implies that the Community will provide a financial contribution to that budget; the volume of this contribution makes it necessary to adapt the declaration of competence and voting rights deposited at the time of the accession of the Community to GFCM.

This Decision provides that the European Community will amend its single declaration of competence and voting rights submitted at the time of acceding to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean. This is replaced by the declaration by the European Community on the exercise of competence and voting rights according to Article II (6) of the GFCM Agreement contained in the Annex. The declaration specifies the areas of the Community's exclusive competence, of the Member states' competence and the areas of shared competence. For agenda items dealing with budgetary issues, the competence is shared between the European Community and its Member States. The European Community has voting rights.

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1998/0332(CNS) - 10/02/1999 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

Under consultation procedure without report, the European Parliament approved the proposal for a Council decison relating to the acceptance, by the European Community of the amendment to the Agreement of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean establishing an autonomous budget for that Organisation.

General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean GFCM: amending agreement, autonomous budget

1998/0332(CNS) - 17/07/2000 - Final act

PURPOSE : to amend the Decision relating to the accession of the Community to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) with a view to allowing this organisation to establish an autonomous budget. COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Decision 2000/487/EC on the acceptance, by the European Community, of the amendment to the Agreement establishing the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean with a view to establishing an autonomous budget for that organisation. CONTENT : in the context of the management of fish stocks in thr Mediterranean, the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) constitutes an essential element, since it is the only multilateral organisation which includes all Costal States of the Mediterranean. At its meeting in 1997, the GFCM adopted amendments to the text of the agreement establishing an autonomous budget. These were of three types: - permitting regional economic integration organisations to join the GFCM, therefore allowing the accession of the Community to the organisation; - reinforcing the organisation through the creation of a scientific advisory committee and foreseeing annual meetings; - establishing an autonomous budget. GFCM considered that the first two types of amendments did not represent a new obligation for the Union and it was simply decided to incorporate them in the text accompanying the Council Decision of 16/07/1998. However, the third type of amendment, involving the establishment of an autonomous budget is considered as a "new obligation". Therefore, it is necessary to amend the Agreement in order to make the principle of the budget acceptable to the Community to provide subsequently a financial contribution from the Community budget audit. The objective of the present Decision is to amend the declaration of the competences and voting rights deposited at the time of the accession of the Community to the GFCM and make the Community accept the GFCM's autonomous budget. ENTRY INTO FORCE : the Decision shall enter into force on the 17.07.2000. However, the Agreement shall enter into force as from the date of the receipt of the fifth instrument of acceptance.