Basic information

2003/2531(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Resolution on amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2561/2001 aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco **Subject** 3.15.15.04 Fisheries agreements with Maghreb and Mediterranean countries **Geographical area** Morocco	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
26/03/2003	Debate in Parliament		
27/03/2003	Decision by Parliament	T5-0129/2003	Summary
27/03/2003	End of procedure in Parliament		
11/03/2004	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2003/2531(RSP)
Procedure type	RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects
Procedure subtype	Debate or resolution on oral question/interpellation
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 142-p5
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Oral question/interpellation by Parliament		B5-0086/2003	26/03/2003	
Motion for a resolution		B5-0192/2003	26/03/2003	
Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects		T5-0129/2003 OJ C 062 11.03.2004, p. 0022-0190 E	27/03/2003	Summary

Resolution on amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2561/2001 aiming to promote the conversion of fishing vessels and of fishermen that were, up to 1999, dependent on the fishing agreement with Morocco

2003/2531(RSP) - 27/03/2003 - Text adopted by Parliament, topical subjects

The European Parliament adopted a resolution following the non-renewal of the EC-Morocco fisheries agreement. It referred to Council Regulation 2561/2001/EC and pointed to the difficulties that have arisen, particularly in the application of socio-economic measures. These problems are due to the mandatory requirement that these measures be tied to scrapping and/or the creation of joint enterprises, particularly as regards the EUR 12 000 individual premium. Abolishing this mandatory link or making it more flexible would enable a large number of crew members who have lost their jobs and have been unable to apply for the individual premium to claim this premium. The requirement that the EUR 12 000 premiums be refunded on a pro rata temporis basis should be adjusted to match the special nature of the specific action. Parliament called on the Commission to: - submit a legislative proposal amending the Regulation and resolving these problems in its application; - make the deadlines for implementation laid down in the Regulation2561/2001 more flexible and sufficiently generous to ensure that the improvements made through the legislative procedure amending the Regulation are not rendered pointless by the duration of the procedure; - propose an adjustment to the requirement that the EUR 12 000 premiums be refunded on a pro rata temporis basis, so that the 12 months of professional inactivity as fishermen can be calculated as from 1 January 2002.