Basic information

2004/0185(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: extension of the protocol for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31st December 2004 **Subject** 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries **Geographical area** Comoros	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MORILLON Philippe (ALDE)	01/09/2004

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	TRÜPEL Helga (Verts/ALE)	20/09/2004

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Economic and Financial Affairs ECOFIN	2634	2005-01-18
Agriculture and Fisheries	2619	2004-11-22

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
04/08/2004	Legislative proposal published	COM(2004)0540	Summary
13/10/2004	Committee referral announced in Parliament		

24/11/2004	Vote in committee		Summary
25/11/2004	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0040/2004	
16/12/2004	Decision by Parliament	T6-0104/2004	Summary
16/12/2004	Results of vote in Parliament		
18/01/2005	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
18/01/2005	End of procedure in Parliament		
02/02/2005	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2004/0185(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2/3-a1
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/23338

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE347.262	27/10/2004	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0040/2004	25/11/2004	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0104/2004 OJ C 226 15.09.2005, p. 0242-0340 E	16/12/2004	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2004)0540	04/08/2004	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2005)239	19/01/2005	

Additional information

Source	Document	Date

Final act

Regulation 2005/0172
OJ L 029 02.02.2005, p. 0001-0002 Summary

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: extension of the protocol for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31st December 2004

2004/0185(CNS) - 18/01/2005 - Final act

PURPOSE : to approve the Agreement extending the Protocol on fishing opportunities and financial contribution between the EEC and Comoros.

COMMUNITY MEASURE : Council Regulation 172/2005/EC on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Federal Republic of The Comoros on fishing off The Comoros for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31 December 2004.

CONTENT : to recall, the Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the EC and the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros expired on 27 February 2004. This Regulation approves, on behalf of the Community, the Agreement extending the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Federal Republic of The Comoros on fishing off The Comoros for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31 December 2004.

The Member States whose vessels fish under this Protocol shall be required to notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock caught in the Comorian fishing zone in accordance with Commission Regulation 500/2001/EC of 14 March 2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation 2847/93/EEC on the monitoring of catches taken by Community fishing vessels in third country waters and on the high seas.

ENTRY INTO FORCE : 05/02/2005.

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: extension of the protocol for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31st December 2004

2004/0185(CNS) - 04/08/2004 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to approve the Agreement extending the Protocol on fishing opportunities and financial contribution between the EEC and Comoros.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : The Protocol to the Fisheries Agreement between the EC and the Islamic Federal Republic of the Comoros expired on 27 February 2004.

The Commission has undertaken to carry out detailed evaluations and impact analyses before renewing any protocols and after their expiry. In the case of the Protocol to the EC-Comoros Fisheries Agreement, such an evaluation – which can take from six to eight months – could not be completed in time.

Therefore, the two parties have decided to extend the expired Protocol for the period from 28 February to 31 December 2004. The extension, in the form of an exchange of letters, was initialled by the two parties on 3 February 2004, in order to set out the technical and financial conditions governing the fishing activities of EC vessels in Comorian waters for the above period.

Before a new Protocol is proposed, the existing one (including the extension period) will be thoroughly evaluated and an ex-anteassessment made of the proposal to conclude a new Protocol.

The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council adopt the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the extension of the Protocol. A proposal for a Council Decision on the provisional application of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of letters concerning the extension pending its definitive entry into force is the subject of a separate procedure.

The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol will be allocated among the Member States as follows:

- tuna seiners:

Spain: 18 vessels;

France: 21 vessels;

Italy: 1 vessel;

- surface longliners:

Spain: 20 vessels;

Portugal: 5 vessels.

If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State.

The Member States whose vessels fish under this Protocol shall be required to notify the

Commission of the quantities of each stock caught in the Comorian fishing zone in accordance with Commission Regulation 500/2001/EC.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS :

- Budget lines and headings:

110301 (ex B78000) : International Agreements on fishing.

11010404 (ex B78000A) : International Agreements on fishing: administrative expenses.

- Overall figures :

- Total allocation for action: EUR 291,875.

- Period of application: 28 February 2004 to 31 December 2004.

- Multiannual estimate of expenditure: EUR 291,875.

- Technical and administrative assistance: EUR 40 000 (2004).

- Overall financial impact of human resources and other administrative expenditure: EUR 35,660.

- Overall costs: EUR 367.535.

EC/Comoros fisheries agreement: extension of the protocol for the period from 28 February 2004 to 31st December 2004

2004/0185(CNS) - 16/12/2004 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Philippe MORILLON (ALDE, FR), approving the proposal subject to two amendments. (Please refer to the summary of 24/11/2004).