Basic information

2006/0029(CNS) CNS - Consultation procedure Regulation	Procedure completed
EC/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement See also 2013/0375(NLE) **Subject** 3.15.15.03 Fisheries agreements with Indian Ocean countries **Geographical area** Seychelles	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	FRAGA ESTÉVEZ Carmen (PPE-DE)	05/04/2006

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	MORGANTINI Luisa (GUE/NGL)	21/03/2006
BUDG Budgets	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	20/09/2004

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
Justice and Home Affairs (JHA)	2752	2006-10-05

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	BORG Joe

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
06/03/2006	Legislative proposal published	COM(2006)0097	Summary

03/04/2006	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
12/07/2006	Vote in committee		Summary
13/07/2006	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0241/2006	
06/09/2006	Decision by Parliament	T6-0338/2006	Summary
06/09/2006	Results of vote in Parliament		
05/10/2006	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
05/10/2006	End of procedure in Parliament		
20/10/2006	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2006/0029(CNS)
Procedure type	CNS - Consultation procedure
Procedure subtype	International agreement
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Amendments and repeals	See also 2013/0375(NLE)
Legal basis	EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 037 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p3-a1 EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 300-p2
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/6/34519

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE371.917	26/04/2006	
Committee draft report		PE372.193	19/05/2006	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A6-0241/2006	13/07/2006	
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T6-0338/2006	06/09/2006	Summary

European Commission

Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
Legislative proposal	COM(2006)0097	06/03/2006	Summary

Additional information

Source	Document	Date
National parliaments	IPEX	
European Commission	EUR-Lex	

Final act	
Regulation 2006/1562 OJ L 290 20.10.2006, p. 0001-0005	Summary

EC/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2006/0029(CNS) - 05/10/2006 - Final act

PURPOSE: the approval of a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Seychelles.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 1562/2006/EC concerning the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles.

CONTENT: in 1987, the EC and the Republic of Seychelles concluded an Agreement *on fishing of the Seychelles*. In 2005 negotiations started on a Fisheries Partnership Agreement. The purpose of this Regulation is to approve the Fisheries Partnership Agreement, which will last for six years and which can be renewed unless notice of termination is given.

The Agreement provides for improved economic, financial, technical and scientific co-operation in the fisheries sector with a view to guaranteeing the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources. It also establishes partnership between undertakings with a view to developing economic activities in the fisheries sector and in related activities of common interest.

The main provisions of the Agreement, which is attached to the Regulation, are as follows:

Scope: The Agreement sets out the principles, rules and procedures that govern economic, financial, technical and scientific co-operation; access to Seychelles' water by Community fishing vessels; arrangement for policing; and the setting up of company partnerships.

Principles: Both parties agree to promote responsible fishing; they agree to co-operate on defining and implementing a sectoral fisheries policy and on carrying out regular evaluation; they agree to implementing the Agreement according to good economic practice and social governance; and they agree that seamen from the Seychelles, who are employed by Community vessels, will be regulated according to standards set by the ILO.

Statistical co-operation: both the Community and the Republic of Seychelles agree to monitor the evolution of resources in the fishing zone off the Seychelles through joint scientific meetings that will be held annually.

Community access: Community vessels will be given access to the fishing zones off the Seychelles. Community fishing activities will be subject to the laws and regulations in force in the Seychelles.

Licences: Community vessels will only be allowed to fish in the waters off the Seychelles if they are in possession of a fishing licence issued under this Agreement.

Financial Contribution: the Community agrees to pay a single financial contribution, which is set out in the Protocol attached to this Agreement. The single contribution is composed of two related elements. Firstly, access by Community vessels to the fishing off the Seychelles and secondly, supporting responsible and sustainable fishing.

In other provisions, the Agreement sets out the terms and conditions for terminating or suspending the Agreement as well as setting up a Joint Committee the purpose of which is to monitor the application of the Agreement.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 23 October 2006.

EC/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2006/0029(CNS) - 06/09/2006 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution drafted by Carmen **FRAGA ESTÉVEZ (EPP-ED, ES**) approving the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EC and the Republic of Seychelles.

EC/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement

2006/0029(CNS) - 06/03/2006 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE : to approve the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EC and the Republic of Seychelles.

PROPOSED ACT : Council Regulation.

CONTENT : following the Council Conclusions on the Fisheries Partnership Agreements of July 2004, the Community renegotiates all existing framework agreements to be replaced by this new framework.

The initialing of the new Fisheries Partnership between the Community and the Seychelles took place in March 2005. Both parties have thereby agreed to a new framework agreement and a fisheries protocol (the protocol is to be adopted in a separate procedure).

The new Fisheries Partnership Agreement and the new protocol provides for improved economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to guaranteeing the conservation and sustainable exploitation of resources, as well as partnerships between undertakings aimed at developing the common interest economic activities in the fisheries sector and related activities.

Scope: the Agreement establishes the principles, rules and procedures governing:

- economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to introducing responsible fishing in the waters of Seychelles to guarantee the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources, and developing the Seychelles fisheries sector;

- the conditions governing access by Community fishing vessels to Seychelles' waters;

- the arrangements for policing fisheries in Seychelles waters with a view to ensuring that the above rules and conditions are complied with, the measures for the conservation and management of fish stocks are effective and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing is prevented;

- partnerships between companies aimed at developing economic activities in the fisheries sector and related activities, in the common interest.

Principles underlying the implementation of the Agreement: the Parties undertake to promote responsible fishing in the waters of Seychelles based on the principle of non-discrimination, and to cooperate with a view to defining a sectoral fisheries policy in Seychelles' waters. They must also carry out evaluations, both jointly and unilaterally, of measures implemented on the basis of the Agreement. Notably, there is a clause stating that the employment of Seychelles seamen on board of Community vessels will be governed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, which shall apply as of right to the corresponding contracts and general terms of employment. This concerns in particular the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

Financial contribution: the Community will pay Seychelles a financial contribution in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down in the Protocol and Annexes. This single contribution will be composed of two related elements, namely:

- access by Community vessels to the Seychelles' fisheries, and

- the Community's financial support for introducing responsible fishing and the sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources in Seychelles' waters.

Statistical cooperation: during the period covered by the Agreement, the Parties will monitor the evolution of resources in Seychelles' fishing zone, and a joint scientific meeting shall be held annually to that end. Based on the conclusions of the annual scientific meeting and the best available scientific advice, the Parties will take measures to ensure the sustainable management of fisheries resources. The EC and the Seychelles undertake to consult each other, either directly or within the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), to ensure the management and conservation of living resources in the Indian Ocean and to cooperate in the relevant scientific research.

Promoting cooperation among economic operators and in civil society: the EC and the Seychelles must encourage commercial and technical cooperation in the fisheries sector and related sectors, as well as encourage exchanges of information on fishing techniques and gear, preservation methods and the industrial processing of fisheries products.

The Commission proposes on this basis that the Council adopt the conclusion of this new Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EC and the Seychelles.