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Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs		

Former committee responsible	Former rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	FIGUEIREDO Ilda (GUE/NGL)	24/06/2008

Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
PECH Fisheries		

Former committee for opinion	Former rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	MEYER Willy (GUE/NGL)	26/06/2008

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European Commission

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Key events

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05/11/2008	Vote in committee		Summary
06/11/2008	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A6-0423/2008	
13/01/2009	Debate in Parliament		
14/01/2009	Decision by Parliament	T6-0018/2009	Summary
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Technical information

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Fishing sector: ratification by the Member States of the ILO Convention 188 on the work in fishing sector

2008/0107(NLE) - 14/01/2009 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted, by 671 votes to 16 with 6 abstentions, under the consultation procedure a legislative resolution approving the proposal for a Council decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Community, the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention 188).

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Ilda **FIGUEIREDO** (GUE/NGL, PT) on behalf of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs.

Fishing sector: ratification by the Member States of the ILO Convention 188 on the work in fishing sector

2008/0107(NLE) - 18/03/2010 - Amended legislative proposal for reconsultation

PURPOSE: to authorise Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Union, the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention No. 188 of the ILO).

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

CONTENT: this proposal aims to authorise Member States to ratify, for the parts falling under the exclusive competence of the Union, the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation, adopted on 14 June 2007.The Convention represents a major input to the fishing sector at international level in promoting decent work for fishers and fairer competition conditions for fishing vessel owners.

It is therefore desirable that its provisions should be implemented as soon as possible.

With the entry into force of the **Treaty of Lisbon** on 1 December 2009, the procedures to be followed by the Union in order to conclude the Agreement are governed by Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) which states that the Council shall adopt a decision concluding the agreement, **after obtaining the consent of the European Parliament**.

Bearing in mind that the Union cannot ratify the Convention, as only states can be parties thereto, the Council should therefore authorise the Member States that are bound by the rules of the Union on the coordination of social security schemes based on Article 48 of the TFEU to ratify the Convention in the interests of the Union, under the conditions laid down in this Decision.

It should be noted that ideally Member States should make efforts to take the necessary steps to deposit their instruments of ratification of the Convention with the Director-General of the International Labour Office as soon as possible, preferably before 31 December 2012. The Council will review the progress of the ratification before January 2012.

Fishing sector: ratification by the Member States of the ILO Convention 188 on the work in fishing sector

2008/0107(NLE) - 27/05/2008 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to authorise the Member States to ratify the 2007 International Labour Organisation (ILO) “Work in Fishing Convention”.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

BACKGROUND: in June 2007, the ILO adopted Convention No. 188 concerning work in the fishing sector, which seeks to establish minimum international standards. In so doing the ILO revised three Conventions adopted in 1959 and one Convention adopted in 1966: Minimum Age (Fishermen); Medical Examination (Fishermen); Fishermen’s Articles of Agreement; and Accommodation of Crews (Fishermen). Convention No. 188 also addresses other important issues such as health and safety at work, manning and hours of rest, crew list, repatriations, recruitment and placement, social security and enforcement. The ultimate aim of the Convention is to maintain a level playing field in the fishing sector by fostering the promotion of decent living and working conditions for fishermen and fairer global competition and to remedy the low rate of ratification of many conventions in the field of maritime labour.

CONTENT: the purpose of this proposal, therefore, is to authorise the Member States to ratify Convention No 188. Unlike other international fora, ILO operating rules do not include a process of formal signature before ratification. A signature may be replaced by a voting procedure leading to adoption (equivalent to a signature). Thus, Convention No.188 was adopted in June 2007 by the ILO but has yet to enter into force. In view of the fact that responsibility for social security schemes lies with the Community, the Member States will not be able to ratify the Convention without Community authorisation. The Commission, therefore, proposes that the Council authorise the Member States to ratify Convention No 188 in the interest of the Community.