Basic information

2016/2794(RSP) RSP - Resolutions on topical subjects	Procedure completed
Resolution on the proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded between the General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union (COGECA), the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and the Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises (EUROPÊCHE) concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation **Subject** 3.15.08 Fishing enterprises, fishermen, working conditions on board 4.15.10 Worker information, participation, trade unions, works councils 4.15.14 Social dialogue, social partners 6.40.13 Relations with/in the context of international organisations: UN, OSCE, OECD, Council of Europe, EBRD	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
EMPL Employment and Social Affairs	LÓPEZ BERMEJO Paloma (GUE/NGL)	13/06/2016
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
14/09/2016	Decision by Parliament	T8-0343/2016	Summary
14/09/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
14/09/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
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Documentation gateway

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Amendments tabled in committee		PE585.723	01/08/2016	
Motion for a resolution		B8-0976/2016	12/09/2016	
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Resolution on the proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded between the General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union (COGECA), the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and the Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises (EUROPÊCHE) concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation

2016/2794(RSP) - 14/09/2016 - Text adopted by Parliament, single reading

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded between the General Confederation of Agricultural Cooperatives in the European Union (COGECA), the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and the Association of National Organisations of Fishing Enterprises (EUROPÊCHE) of 21 May 2012 as amended on 8 May 2013 concerning the implementation of the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation.

This Agreement applies to all fishers employed on board a fishing vessel which is registered in, or flying the flag of, an EU Member State and which is engaged in commercial fishing operations.

By incorporating the Agreement of the social partners on the ILO Work in Fishing Convention into EU legislation, the EU will be in a stronger position to promote its implementation in partner countries worldwide, thereby **contributing to a fair and level playing field for the global fishing sector, including the fight against the worst forms of exploitation of fishers**, such as forced labour, trafficking and child labour.

Members stated that workers in the fisheries sector require special protection, considering, among other things, the special characteristics of work on board fishing vessels. The high rate of fatal and non-fatal accidents, as well as the risk and incidence of occupational diseases, in comparison with other sectors.

Members noted the unclear distinction between work hours, rest and leisure, and the impact on health and safety of fatigue resulting, in part, from insufficient rest.

Therefore, Parliament took note of the Commission proposal for a Council directive implementing the Agreement concluded between the COGECA, the ETF and EUROPÊCHE but regretted the delay in presenting the social partners' agreement, finalised in 2013, to the Council.

While welcoming the fact that the Agreement as concluded by the social partners and the Commission proposal provide only for minimum requirements, allowing Member States and/or social partners to adopt measures which are more favourable to workers in the area concerned, Parliament recommended its immediate adoption.

Lastly, it underlined the need to develop those provisions related to wages, social protection and social security in order to ensure an adequate and decent income for workers and their families, including in the case of injury, accident or death.