Basic information

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EU/Senegal Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement. Protocol Accompanying procedure 2019/0226M(NLE) **Subject** 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries **Geographical area** Senegal	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
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BUDG Budgets	DE CASTRO Paolo (S&D)	25/11/2019

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
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Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
17/10/2019	Preparatory document	COM(2019)0473	
12/11/2019	Legislative proposal published	13484/2019	Summary
28/11/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
01/10/2020	Vote in committee		
07/10/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0180/2020	
11/11/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0294/2020	Summary
01/12/2020	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
01/12/2020	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
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Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE646.918	28/01/2020	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE644.803	18/02/2020	
Committee opinion	DEVE	PE646.984	29/05/2020	
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Document attached to the procedure	13483/2019	12/11/2019	
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Preparatory document	COM(2019)0473	17/10/2019	Summary
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Additional information

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Final act

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EU/Senegal Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement. Protocol

2019/0226(NLE) - 17/10/2019

PURPOSE: to conclude the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between Senegal and the European Union entered into force on 20 November 2014 and has since been tacitly renewed. The current protocol in force will expire on 19 November 2019.

The evaluation of the current Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Senegal and an ex ante evaluation of a possible renewal of the Protocol concluded the EU tuna fishing and trawling sector has a strong interest in fishing in Senegal and that a renewal of the Protocol would help strengthen monitoring, control and surveillance and contribute to improved fisheries governance in the region.

The Commission conducted negotiations with the Government of Senegal with a view to concluding a new Protocol to the Agreement. Following these negotiations, a new Protocol was initialled on 19 July 2019. The Protocol covers a period of five years from the date of its provisional application, i.e. from the date on which it was signed.

The negotiation of a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Senegal forms part of the EU’s external action in relation to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and takes into account, in particular, Union objectives on respecting democratic principles and human rights.

CONTENT: the Commission proposes that the Council decide to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union (2019-2024).

Objective

The objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and Senegal to work more closely on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in Senegalese waters and to support Senegal’s efforts to develop its fisheries sector.

The Protocol will also contribute to better management and conservation of fishery resources, through financial support (sectoral support) for the implementation of programmes adopted at national level by the partner country, in particular as regards monitoring and combating illegal fishing, and support for the small-scale fisheries sector. Lastly, the Protocol will contribute to Senegal’s fishing economy by promoting growth associated with fishing-related economic activities.

Fishing opportunities

In accordance with the priorities of the fisheries policy reform4, the new Protocol provides fishing opportunities for EU vessels in Senegalese waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and following the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 freezer tuna seiners,

- 10 pole-and-line vessels,

- 5 longliners,

- 2 trawlers.

Budgetary implications

The annual financial contribution from the European Union is EUR 1 700 000, based on:

- an access-related amount set at EUR 800 000, specifically for a reference tonnage of 10 000 tonnes of tuna per year and for an authorised catch volume of black hake of 1 750 tonnes per year;

- support for the development of Senegal’s sectoral fisheries policy for an amount of EUR 900 000 per year for the entire duration of the Protocol. This support meets the objectives of Senegal’s national policy on the sustainable management of its fishery resources for the entire duration of the Protocol.

The annual amount for commitment and payment appropriations is established during the annual budgetary procedure.

The Commission should be empowered, subject to specific substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

EU/Senegal Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement. Protocol

2019/0226(NLE) - 12/11/2019 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude a Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal.

PROPOSED ACT: Council Decision.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: Council may adopt the act only if Parliament has given its consent to the act.

BACKGROUND: the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal was signed and should now be approved.

CONTENT: the draft Council Decision seeks approval, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal.

The objective of the Protocol is to enable the Union and the Republic of Senegal to work more closely together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in Senegalese waters and to support Senegal's efforts to develop its fisheries sector.

The Commission shall be authorised to approve, on behalf of the Union, the amendments to the Protocol to be adopted by the Joint Committee set up by the Agreement.

EU/Senegal Fisheries Partnership Agreement: implementation of the Agreement. Protocol

2019/0226(NLE) - 11/11/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 524 votes to 47, with 115 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the protocol.

Negotiations for a new five-year protocol started on 19 July 2019 and the concluded sustainable fisheries partnership has been provisionally applied since its signature on 18 November 2019.

In line with the priorities of the fisheries policy reform, the new protocol provides fishing opportunities for EU vessels in Senegalese waters, based on the best available scientific advice and in compliance with the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

The new Protocol covers a period of five years and provides fishing opportunities for EU vessels (28 freezer tuna seiners, 10 pole-and-line vessels, 5 longliners and 2 trawlers) corresponding to a reference tonnage of 10 000 tonnes of tuna per year and an authorised catch of black hake of 1 750 tonnes per year.

The financial contribution shall be EUR 3 050 750 per year, broken down as follows: EUR 800 000 per year for access to resources, EUR 900 000 per year for the implementation of the sectoral policy and EUR 1 350 750 per year corresponding to the estimated amount of the appropriate fees to be paid by shipowners.