Basic information

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EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol **Subject** 3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries **Geographical area** Mauritania	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
PECH Fisheries	SCHREIJER-PIERIK Annie (EPP)	20/10/2020
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Committee for opinion	Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed
DEVE Development	The committee decided not to give an opinion.	
BUDG Budgets	RZOŃCA Bogdan (ECR)	23/10/2020

Council of the European Union

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Maritime Affairs and Fisheries	SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
28/09/2020	Preparatory document	COM(2020)0588	Summary
19/11/2020	Legislative proposal published	11260/2020	Summary
23/11/2020	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
03/12/2020	Vote in committee		
07/12/2020	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading	A9-0244/2020	
14/12/2020	Results of vote in Parliament		
15/12/2020	Decision by Parliament	T9-0342/2020	Summary
25/01/2021	Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament		
01/02/2021	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

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Procedure type	NLE - Non-legislative enactments
Procedure subtype	Consent by Parliament
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 043-p2 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 218-p6a
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	PECH/9/04273

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE660.079	28/10/2020	
Committee opinion	BUDG	PE660.106	23/11/2020	
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Document attached to the procedure	11315/2020	20/10/2020	
Legislative proposal	11260/2020	19/11/2020	Summary

European Commission

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EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol

2020/0274(NLE) - 28/09/2020 - Preparatory document

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and Mauritania, which expires on 15 November 2020.

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: on 8 July 2019, the Council adopted the mandate authorising the European Commission to open negotiations for the renewal of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Partnership Agreement, which expires on 15 November 2019.

On 8 November 2019, the Protocol was extended for a period of one year by an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters, until 15 November 2020 by means of Council Decision (EU) 2020/742.

Due to the current health context (COVID -19 pandemic) the ongoing negotiations for the renewal of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Protocol will not be concluded in time to avoid a disruption of fishing activities at the end of this extension.

In this context, on 26 June 20203 the Council therefore authorised the Commission to negotiate a further extension to the Protocol for a maximum duration of one more year.

CONTENT: in order to prevent an interruption of fishing activity for the European fleet operating in Mauritanian waters, the Council Decision endorsing this agreement in the form of an exchange of letters must be adopted in due time to allow for signature by both Parties before 15 November 2020, when the current Protocol expires.

The aim of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters is to enable the European Union and Mauritania to continue working together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and a sound exploitation of fishery resources in Mauritanian waters and to allow EU vessels to fish in those waters.

Fishing opportunities

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- Vessels fishing for crustaceans other than spiny lobster and crab: 5 000 tonnes and 25 vessels;

-Black hake (non-freezer) trawlers and bottom longliners: 6 000 tonnes and 6 vessels;

- Pelagic freezer trawlers targeting black hake: 3 500 tonnes of hake, 1 450 tonnes of squid, 600 tonnes of cuttlefish for 6 vessels;

- Vessels fishing for demersal species other than black hake with gear other than trawls: 3 000 tonnes and 6 vessels;

- Tuna seiners: 12 500 tonnes (reference tonnage) and 25 vessels;

- Pole-and-line tuna vessels and longliners: 7 500 tonnes (reference tonnage) and 15 vessels;

- Pelagic freezer trawlers: 225 000 tonnes and 19 vessels;

- Non-freezer pelagic vessels: 15 000 tonnes (deducted from volume under category 6 if used) and 2 vessels.

Financial contribution

The annual financial contribution from the European Union is EUR 61 625 000, based on:

(a) an annual amount for access to fishery resources for the categories provided for in the Protocol, set at EUR 57 500 000 for the duration of the extension to the Protocol;

(b) support for the development of Mauritania's sectoral fisheries policy amounting to EUR 4 125 000 per year for the duration of the extension to the Protocol. This support meets the objectives of Mauritania's national policy on the sustainable management of its continental and maritime 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 exchange of letters regarding the extension also sets out a pro rata reduction in case the negotiations for the renewal of the Partnership Agreement and its Protocol result in their signature, leading to their application, before the annual extension covered by the exchange of letters expires.

EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol

2020/0274(NLE) - 19/11/2020 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to conclude the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and Mauritania, which expires on 15 November 2020.

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 Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on an extension to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, expiring on 15 November 2020 was signed.

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters should now be approved.

CONTENT: the Council's draft aims to approve, on behalf of the EU, the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and Mauritania on an extension to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and Mauritania, expiring on 15 November 2020.

The aim of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters is to enable the Union and Mauritania to continue working together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and a sound exploitation of fishery resources in Mauritanian waters and to allow Union vessels to fish in those waters.

The Agreement aims to ensure the extension of the Protocol currently in force setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Mauritania, pending the finalisation of negotiations for the renewal of the Protocol.

From the signature of the exchange of letters, the arrangements applicable during the last year of the Protocol would be renewed under the same conditions for a maximum period of one year. The amount of sectoral support relating to the extension of the agreement is EUR 4.125 million.

EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol

2020/0274(NLE) - 15/12/2020 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament approved by 570 votes to 38, with 77 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania on an extension to the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, expiring on 15 November 2020.

Parliament gave its consent to the conclusion of the Agreement.

The aim of the Exchange of Letters is to enable the EU and Mauritania to continue working together to promote a sustainable fisheries policy, the sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Mauritanian waters and to allow EU vessels to fish in those waters.

The purpose of the Agreement is to extend for one year the Protocol currently in force setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and Mauritania, pending the conclusion of negotiations on the renewal of the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol.

The protocol allows for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- vessels fishing for crustaceans other than spiny lobster and crab: 5 000 tonnes and 25 vessels;

- black hake (non-freezer) trawlers and bottom longliners: 6 000 tonnes and 6 vessels;

- black hake (freezer) trawlers: (black hake: 3 500 tonnes, squid: 1 450 tonnes, cuttlefish: 600 tonnes);

- vessels fishing for demersal species other than black hake with gear other than trawls: 3 000 tonnes and 6 vessels;

- tuna seiners: 12 500 tonnes (reference tonnage) and 25 vessels;

- pole-and-line tuna vessels and longliners: 7 500 tonnes (reference tonnage) and 15 vessels;

- pelagic freezer trawlers: 225 000 tonnes (may be exceeded by a maximum of 10%) and 19 vessels;

- non-freezer pelagic vessels: 15 000 tonnes (deducted from volume under category 6 if used) and 2 vessels.

The extension of the Protocol does not change the current fishing opportunities.

The EU’s financial contribution is EUR 61 625 000 for one year, divided up as follows:

- an annual amount for access to fisheries resources fixed at EUR 57 500 000;

- an annual amount for support for the development of Mauritania's sectoral fisheries policy of EUR 4 125 000, to help it meet the objectives of its national policy for the sustainable management of continental and marine fisheries resources.