

| Basic information  |                     |
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| 2020/0274(NLE)<br>NLE - Non-legislative enactments   | Procedure completed |
| EC/Mauritania Fisheries Partnership Agreement: extension of the Protocol<br><b>Subject</b><br>3.15.15.02 Fisheries agreements with African countries<br><b>Geographical area</b><br>Mauritania |                     |

| Key players                   |                                |  |   |                  |
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| European Parliament           | <b>Committee responsible</b>   |  | <b>Rapporteur</b>   | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                               | PECH Fisheries                 |  | SCHREIJER-PIERIK Annie (EPP)  | 20/10/2020       |
|                               |                                |  | Shadow rapporteur<br>BILBAO BARANDICA Izaskun (Renew)<br>ROOSE Caroline (Greens /EFA)<br>RUISSSEN Bert-Jan (ECR)<br>FERREIRA João (GUE/NGL) |                  |
|                               | <b>Committee for opinion</b>   |  | <b>Rapporteur for opinion</b>   | <b>Appointed</b> |
|                               | 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           | <b>Commission DG</b>           |  | <b>Commissioner</b>   |                  |
|                               | Maritime Affairs and Fisheries |  | SINKEVIČIUS Virginijus  |                  |

| Key events |
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| Date       | Event   | Reference  | Summary |
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| 28/09/2020 | Preparatory document  | COM(2020)0588<br> | 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                         |  |         |

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| Procedure subtype          | Consent by Parliament   |
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| Other legal basis          | Rules of Procedure EP 165   |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed   |
| Committee dossier          | PECH/9/04273  |

| Documentation gateway   |  |              |            |         |
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| <b>European Parliament</b>                                      |  |              |            |         |
| Document type   | Committee  | Reference    | Date       | Summary |
| Committee draft report  |  | PE660.079    | 28/10/2020 |         |
| Committee opinion   | <span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">BUDG</span> | PE660.106    | 23/11/2020 |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading |  | A9-0244/2020 | 07/12/2020 |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          |  | T9-0342/2020 | 15/12/2020 | Summary |
| <b>Council of the EU</b>  |  |              |            |         |
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| <b>European Commission</b>                                      |  |              |            |         |

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| Preparatory document               | COM(2020)0588<br> | 28/09/2020 | Summary |

| Additional information |          |      |
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| Source                 | Document | Date |
| European Commission    | EUR-Lex  |      |

| Final act  |
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| <a href="#">Decision 2021/0099</a><br>OJ L 034 01.02.2021, p. 0001 |

## 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 2020 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.