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AMENDMENTS

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on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
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Amendment 1
Maria Heubuch

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The Commission should duly take into account the following points during the implementation of the Agreement:

- 1. Access by EU vessels to the surplus of fisheries resources should be limited in accordance with the maximum sustainable yield after the nutrition needs of the local populations have been met;*
- 2. The Commission should endeavour to include in the multiannual sectoral programme provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol objectives leading to a real development of local fisheries, in particular artisanal fisheries, and fish-processing industry, including by means of more landings in Guinea-Bissau, as well as other economic activities and partnerships in the fisheries sector;*
- 3. Possibilities for employment of local seamen on board EU vessels provided for by the Protocol should be fully exploited;*
- 4. The improvements in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance capacity observed under the previous Protocol should be reinforced. To this effect, support in the areas of legislation, statistics, reporting and resource management should be continued;*

Amendment

- A. whereas the negotiations on the Protocol were interrupted for several years and then concluded on the basis of outdated data when it comes to stock assessment, catches and available stock surpluses, and whereas data collection and analysis is furthermore complicated by the lack of overview of fishing activities of third parties in Guinea-Bissau waters.*
- B. whereas there is thus a risk that EU vessels will not limit themselves to surplus fishing and there are doubts on the ability of the Guinea-Bissau authorities to adequately manage the funds provided through the multiannual sectoral programme provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol.*
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to reopen the Protocol for negotiation duly taking into account the remarks made in this resolution.*

5. Measures to prevent illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in exclusive economic zone of Guinea Bissau should be reinforced including by improved monitoring, control and surveillance through the extensive use of satellite-based vessel monitoring system, logbooks, inspectors and implementation of regional fisheries organisations' decisions;

6. The Commission should engage in a political dialogue with the authorities of Guinea Bissau with a view to guaranteeing that the principles of transparency and equal treatment as regards access of foreign fleets to exclusive economic zone of Guinea Bissau is upheld. Failure to respect these principles might have negative effects on the sustainable and responsible management of marine resources in the country and on the food security of its citizens.

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**Amendment 2
Maurice Ponga**

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Paragraph 2**

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2. The Commission should endeavour to include in the multiannual sectoral programme provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol objectives leading to the actual development of local fisheries, in particular of artisanal fisheries and of the fish-processing industry, including by means of more landings in Guinea-Bissau, and other economic activities and partnerships in the fisheries sector;

Amendment

2. The Commission should endeavour to include in the multiannual sectoral programme provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol objectives leading to the actual development of local fisheries, in particular of artisanal fisheries and of the fish-processing industry, including by means of more landings in Guinea-Bissau, and other economic activities and partnerships in the fisheries sector; ***an annual report should be drawn up on the implementation of the sectoral programme and forwarded to Parliament and the Council, in order to***

promote transparency and to ensure that the budget allocated for supporting the sectoral fisheries policy is in fact used for this purpose;

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Amendment 3
Maurice Ponga

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6 a (new)

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6a. The Joint Committee provided for in the Partnership Agreement should ensure that the probity of all the mechanisms provided for by this Protocol is unquestionable, given the problem of corruption.

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