

**Question for written answer E-006006/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Cape Verde

On 28 August 2014, a new fisheries protocol was signed between the EU and Cape Verde, in substitution for the one which expired that month. However, the protocol has not yet come into effect.

When does the Commission expect the necessary legislative procedures to be ready for signing, so that the protocol can enter into force?

What situation do fishermen face pending application of the protocol, and what alternatives is the Commission offering them?