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AMENDMENTS

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Draft report

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containing a motion for a non-legislative resolution on the draft 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 (11667/2012 – C8-0278/2014 – 2015/2119(INI))

Amendment 1
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

A. whereas the overall aim of the Protocol is to increase fisheries cooperation between the EU and Guinea-Bissau by establishing a partnership framework within which to pursue a sustainable fisheries policy and exploit fishery resources in a sustainable way in the Guinea-Bissau exclusive economic zone, ***in the interest of both parties***;

Amendment

A. whereas the overall aim of the Protocol is to increase fisheries cooperation between the EU and Guinea-Bissau ***in the interest of both parties*** by establishing a partnership framework within which to pursue a sustainable fisheries policy ***while exploiting*** fishery resources in a sustainable way in the Guinea-Bissau exclusive economic zone, ***and to obtain an appropriate share, corresponding to the interests of the EU fleets, of the fishing surpluses available***;

Or. fr

Amendment 2
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Motion for a resolution
Recital A

Motion for a resolution

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Amendment

A. whereas the overall aim of the Protocol is to ***enhance*** cooperation between the EU and Guinea-Bissau ***in order to establish*** a partnership framework within which to pursue a sustainable fisheries policy and ***responsible exploitation of*** fishery resources in the Guinea-Bissau ***fishing*** zone, in the interest of both parties;

Or. es

Amendment 3

Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution

Recital A a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Aa. whereas the European Union shall do all in its power to ensure that sustainable fisheries agreements concluded with third countries are in the mutual interests of both the EU and the third countries concerned, including their local population and their fishing industry;

Or. fr

Amendment 4

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Motion for a resolution

Recital B a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Ba. whereas, if this Protocol were not signed, there would be a risk of private agreements being concluded that would not guarantee sustainable fishing, that would jeopardise resources and that could produce undesired socio-economic effects;

Or. es

Amendment 5

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Motion for a resolution

Recital D

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

D. whereas transfers of funds to Guinea-

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Bissau under the Agreement, not least in return for access to resources, account for a substantial portion of Guinea Bissau's budget; whereas, however, transfers under the heading of sectoral cooperation were suspended at one time, *allegedly* because of difficulties with the uptake of aid in Guinea-Bissau;

Bissau under the Agreement, not least in return for access to resources, account for a substantial portion of Guinea Bissau's budget; whereas, however, transfers under the heading of sectoral cooperation were suspended at one time, because of *certain* difficulties with the uptake of aid in Guinea-Bissau;

Or. es

Amendment 6
Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Motion for a resolution
Recital D a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

Da. whereas Guinea-Bissau faces shortcomings with regard to socio-economic development in general and the fisheries sector in particular, in significant areas including vocational training, the structure of the sector and recognition of the role played by women in the sector;

Or. es

Amendment 7
Carlos Iturgaiz, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Gabriel Mato, Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Recital E

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

E. whereas, to date, the performance of sectoral cooperation has been *lamentably* poor; whereas *change is needed urgently*, and the Agreement has to *do more to promote* sustainable development of the Guinea-Bissau fisheries sector and of related industries and activities so as to

E. whereas, to date, *thanks to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement, there have been improvements in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance, sanitary inspection capacity and the participation of Guinea Bissau with regional fisheries bodies. Whereas,*

ensure that the added value created by exploitation of the country's natural resources, to a greater extent, remains in Guinea-Bissau itself;

however, the performance of sectoral cooperation has been *relatively* poor; whereas the Agreement has to *continue efforts in promoting* sustainable development of the Guinea-Bissau fisheries sector and of related industries and activities so as to ensure that the added value created by exploitation of the country's natural resources, to a greater extent, remains in Guinea-Bissau itself;

Or. en

Amendment 8

Clara Eugenia Aguilera García

Motion for a resolution

Recital E

Motion for a resolution

E. whereas, to date, the performance of sectoral cooperation *has been lamentably poor; whereas change is needed urgently, and* the Agreement *has to do* more to promote sustainable development of the Guinea-Bissau fisheries sector and of related industries and activities so as to ensure that the added value created by exploitation of the country's natural resources, to a greater extent, remains in Guinea-Bissau itself;

Amendment

E. whereas, to date, *despite* the performance of sectoral cooperation, *there is still much room for improvement with the aim of ensuring that* the Agreement *does* more to promote sustainable development of the Guinea-Bissau fisheries sector and of related industries and activities so as to ensure that the added value created by exploitation of the country's natural resources, to a greater extent, remains in Guinea-Bissau itself;

Or. es

Amendment 9

Linnéa Engström

Motion for a resolution

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Motion for a resolution

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poor; whereas change is needed urgently, and the Agreement has to do more **to promote transparency and accountability in the sectoral cooperation to foster** sustainable development of the Guinea-Bissau fisheries sector and of related industries and activities so as to ensure that the added value created by exploitation of the country's natural resources, to a greater extent, remains in Guinea-Bissau itself;

Or. en

Amendment 10 **Linnéa Engström**

Motion for a resolution **Recital I**

Motion for a resolution

I. whereas the gaps in knowledge that have been found to exist, both as regards the impact of the Agreement on the marine ecosystem and owing to the dearth of up-to-date biological data (especially after EU fleets ceased to operate in Guinea-Bissau, in 2012), should be treated as a cause for concern and must be remedied as soon as possible;

Amendment

I. whereas the gaps in knowledge that have been found to exist, both as regards the impact of the Agreement on the marine ecosystem and **ensuring that access is limited to the surplus stocks that cannot be caught by local fleets, and** owing to the dearth of up-to-date biological data (especially after EU fleets ceased to operate in Guinea-Bissau, in 2012 **which was followed by the arrival of several vessels of Asian origin that began fishing in the waters of Guinea-Bissau**) **reinforce the need for a precautionary approach, and** should be treated as a cause for concern and must be remedied as soon as possible;

Or. en

Amendment 11 **Clara Eugenia Aguilera García**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 1**

Motion for a resolution

1. **Considers the Agreement to be a matter of great importance both for Guinea-Bissau and for the EU fleets operating in Guinea-Bissau's waters; believes, therefore, that the results achieved to date in the field of sectoral cooperation have been unsatisfactory and** calls on the Commission to take every step required – if need be by revising and increasing the sectoral support component of the Agreement, **as well as finding better and different ways to increase the take-up rate for that support – in order to reverse the trend seen in recent decades;**

Amendment

1. Calls on the Commission, **given that there is still much room for improvement in the field of sectoral cooperation,** to take every step required – if need be by revising and increasing the sectoral support component of the Agreement **and** finding better ways to increase the take-up rate for support – in order to **remedy the shortcomings and boost the successes generated by previous protocols;**

Or. es

Amendment 12
Linnéa Engström

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 1

Motion for a resolution

1. Considers the Agreement to be a matter of great importance both for Guinea-Bissau and for the EU **fleets operating in Guinea-Bissau's waters;** believes, therefore, that the results achieved to date in the field of sectoral cooperation have been unsatisfactory and calls on the Commission to take every step required – if need be by revising and increasing the sectoral support component of the Agreement, as well as finding better and different ways to increase the take-up rate for that support – in order to reverse the trend seen in recent decades;

Amendment

1. Considers the Agreement to be a matter of great importance both for Guinea-Bissau and for the EU; believes, therefore, that the results achieved to date in the field of sectoral cooperation have been unsatisfactory and calls on the Commission to take every step required **by installing mechanisms for increased transparency, accountability and participation of beneficiaries in particular small-scale artisanal fishing communities and,** if need be by revising and increasing the sectoral support component of the Agreement, as well as finding better and different ways to increase the take-up rate for that support – in order to reverse the trend seen in recent decades;

Or. en

Amendment 13
Linnéa Engström

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 2

Motion for a resolution

2. Maintains that the Agreement has to promote more genuinely sustainable development of Guinea-Bissau's fisheries sector and of related industries and activities, increasing the added value that stays in Guinea-Bissau as a result of exploitation of the country's natural resources; recognises that advances have been made in recent years, but considers that determined and lasting efforts are needed in order to produce noticeable results; believes that the areas to support, not least with technical assistance, could include institutional capacity building, training of fishing professionals, partnerships with *non-industrial* small-scale fisheries, and stronger emphasis on gender policies so as to confer recognition on, and take advantage of, the role of women (distribution and marketing of fish, storage, first-stage processing, etc.);

Amendment

2. Maintains that the Agreement has to promote more genuinely sustainable development of Guinea-Bissau's fisheries sector and of related industries and activities, *in particular small scale fisheries that greatly contribute to food security and local livelihoods*, increasing the added value that stays in Guinea-Bissau as a result of exploitation of the country's natural resources; recognises that advances have been made in recent years, but considers that determined and lasting efforts are needed in order to produce noticeable results; believes that the areas to support, not least with technical assistance, could include institutional capacity building, training of fishing professionals, partnerships with *artisanal* small-scale fisheries, and stronger emphasis on gender policies so as to confer recognition on, and take advantage of, the role of women (distribution and marketing of fish, storage, first-stage processing, etc.);

Or. en

Amendment 14
Carlos Iturgaiz, Verónica Lope Fontagné, Gabriel Mato, Francisco José Millán Mon

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4

Motion for a resolution

4. Calls on the Commission to *help* the Guinea-Bissau authorities improve the fisheries surveillance and control system in

Amendment

4. *Despite efforts that have been made*, calls on the Commission to *continue helping* the Guinea-Bissau authorities

Guinea-Bissau waters with a view to intensifying measures to combat IUU fishing;

improve the fisheries surveillance and control system in Guinea-Bissau waters with a view to intensifying measures to combat IUU fishing;

Or. en

Amendment 15
Alain Cadec

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

4a. Stresses that this agreement contains a non-discrimination clause; is pleased to see that, in the context of the negotiations, Guinea Bissau has made public the fisheries agreements it has concluded with third countries and that they may be consulted; calls on the Commission to follow closely developments in these agreements and in fishing activities in Guinean waters;

Or. fr

Amendment 16
Linnéa Engström

Motion for a resolution
Paragraph 5

Motion for a resolution

Amendment

5. Considers it desirable to improve the quantity and accuracy of data on catches and, more generally, the conservation status of fishery resources so that the impact of the Agreement on the marine ecosystem can be gauged more accurately; and believes that Guinea-Bissau should be helped to develop its own means of obtaining such data; calls on the Commission to ensure that the bodies

5. Considers it desirable to improve the quantity and accuracy of data on ***all*** catches (***targeted and bycatch***) and, more generally, the conservation status of fishery resources so that the impact of the Agreement on the marine ecosystem ***and on fishing communities***, can be gauged more accurately; and believes that Guinea-Bissau should be helped to develop its own means of obtaining such data; calls on the

supervising the implementation of the Agreement, including the Joint Scientific Committee, operate on a more regular basis;

Commission to ensure *until such time as it can be demonstrated scientifically that the fishing opportunities accorded are surplus to the capacity of the Guinea-Bissau fleet, they are not utilised, and* that the bodies supervising the implementation of the Agreement, including the Joint Scientific Committee, operate on a more regular *and transparent* basis;

Or. en

Amendment 17 **Linnéa Engström**

Motion for a resolution **Paragraph 6**

Motion for a resolution

6. Calls on the Commission to send Parliament the minutes and conclusions of meetings of the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement, the multi-annual sectoral programme referred to in Article 3 of the new Protocol and the findings of the related annual assessments, and the minutes and conclusions of the meetings provided for in Article 4 of the new Protocol; calls on the Commission to enable representatives of Parliament to attend Joint Committee meetings as observers; and requests that, during the final year of application of the Protocol and before negotiations are opened for its renewal, the Commission submit a full report to Parliament and the Council on its implementation, without imposing unnecessary restrictions on access to that report;

Amendment

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Or. en