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DRAFT OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Fisheries

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 on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand
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SUGGESTIONS

On the basis of the relevant Council mandate, the Commission on behalf of the European Union negotiated with the Government of Denmark and Government of Greenland with a view to renewing the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Government of Denmark and the Government of Greenland. Following these negotiations, a new Protocol was initialled on 3 February 2012, which covers a period of three years starting from 1 January 2013.

The new Protocol is in line with the objectives of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement aimed at strengthening the cooperation between the European Union and Greenland and promoting a partnership framework in which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and responsible exploitation of fishery resources in the Greenlandic EEZ in the interests of both Parties.

The two Parties have agreed to cooperate with a view to implementing Greenlandic sectoral fisheries policy and to that end will continue the policy dialogue on the relevant programming.

The new Protocol provides for a total financial contribution of EUR 17.847.244 per year for the whole period. This amount corresponds to: a) EUR 15.104.203 per year for the access to the Greenlandic EEZ, and b) EUR 2.743.041 per year, corresponding to the additional envelop paid by the EU to support of Greenland fisheries policy.

Under Articles 43(2) and 218(6)(a) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the European Parliament can either give consent or decline to give consent.

In terms of content, the Agreement's characteristics are as follows:

Type of expenditure	2013	2014	2015	**Total€**
Operational appropriations	17 847 244€	17 847 244€	17 847 244€	**53 541 732€**
Administrative expenditure			80 000€	**80 000€**
Other administrative expenditure and human resources	93 000€	93 000€	93 000€	**279 000€**
TOTAL	17 940 000€	17 940 000€	18 020 000€	**53 900 732€**

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The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Fisheries, as the committee responsible, to propose that Parliament give its consent.