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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft report**  
**João Ferreira**  
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Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the EU and the  
Government of the Cook Islands  
(2016/2230(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework, in particular SDG 1, 2, 9, 10 and 14;*

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Citation 8 b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- *having regard to the conclusions and recommendations of WCPFC 12th Scientific Committee meeting for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean;*

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- Aa. whereas this is the first EU-Cook Islands FPA, which guarantees a European presence in the waters of the eastern Pacific following the non-renewal of the agreement with Kiribati (and the agreements signed but not implemented*

*with Micronesia and the Salomon Islands);*

Or. es

**Amendment 4**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ba. whereas our presence in the region should serve to promote a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of resources, guaranteeing the proper management of Pacific tuna resources;***

Or. es

**Amendment 5**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital B b (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Bb. whereas the EU-Cook Islands FPA is based on the best available scientific advice, respecting the conservation and management measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) within the limits of the available surplus;***

Or. es

**Amendment 6**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Bc. whereas problems exist in relation to inspection and control, and illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a problem that is difficult to overcome, bearing in mind the scattered nature of territory and resources;***

Or. es

**Amendment 7**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital C a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Ca. whereas a commitment has been given not to grant other non-European fleets more favourable conditions than those provided for in the Agreement, and the Agreement contains the Cotonou clause on human rights, democratic principles and the rule of law;***

Or. es

**Amendment 8**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Recital D**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**D. whereas the EU-Cook Islands FPA *can promote the* more effective and sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the islands, as well as that of related industries and activities, in line with the objectives of the Cook Islands national**

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fisheries policy, particularly in terms of supporting scientific research and artisanal fishing, increasing landings at local ports, boosting monitoring, control and surveillance capacity in relation to fishing activities and combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU);

national fisheries policy, particularly in terms of supporting scientific research and artisanal fishing, increasing landings at local ports, boosting monitoring, control and surveillance capacity in relation to fishing activities and combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU), ***and in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework;***

Or. en

#### **Amendment 9**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital D a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Da. whereas the contributions intended to support the development of the Cook Islands' fisheries policy, ranging between 47.6% and 50% of the total to be transferred, amount to a major contribution in percentage terms;***

Or. es

#### **Amendment 10**

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

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Recital E**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

E. whereas stocks of bigeye tuna have been in decline since 2012 ***and all the efforts to reduce catches in recent years have failed, with seiner catch levels reaching a peak in 2013;*** whereas, further, the Cook Islands waters are regarded as a 'shark sanctuary';

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are regarded as a ‘shark sanctuary’, *even though it should be stressed that this is not a target species for the European fleet fishing in those waters under the new agreement;*

Or. es

**Amendment 11**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas EU longliner catches have tended to be located in the warmer waters to the south of the Cook Islands, and bearing in mind the requirements imposed by the Cook Islands’ shark conservation regulation, and whereas the ex ante assessment found that there will be no interest in the future for EU longliners to fish in the Cook Islands EEZ;*

Or. es

**Amendment 12**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Recital E a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*Ea. whereas the Cook Islands are highly dependent on food imports;*

Or. es

**Amendment 13**

**Nicola Caputo, José Blanco López, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

1. Takes the view that the EU-Cook Islands FPA should pursue two equally important goals: 1) to provide fishing opportunities to EU vessels in the Cook Islands fishing zone, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and respecting the conservation and management measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) within the limits of the available surplus; and 2) to promote cooperation between the European Union and the Cook Islands with a view to a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fisheries resources in the Cook Islands fishing zone, and to contribute to the sustainable development of the Cook Islands fishing sector, through economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation while respecting that country's sovereign options regarding this development;

*Amendment*

1. Takes the view that the EU-Cook Islands FPA should ***effectively promote sustainable fisheries in the Cook Islands waters through adequate EU sectoral support, and*** pursue two equally important goals: 1) to provide fishing opportunities to EU vessels in the Cook Islands fishing zone, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and respecting the conservation and management measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) within the limits of the available surplus; and 2) to promote cooperation between the European Union and the Cook Islands with a view to a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fisheries resources in the Cook Islands fishing zone, and to contribute to the sustainable development of the Cook Islands fishing sector, through economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation while respecting that country's sovereign options regarding this development;

Or. it

**Amendment 14**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 1**

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Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) within the limits of the available surplus, *calculation of which shall take the full development of the country's fishing capacity into account*; and 2) to promote cooperation between the European Union and the Cook Islands with a view to a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fisheries resources in the Cook Islands fishing zone, and to contribute to the sustainable development of the Cook Islands fishing sector, through economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation while respecting that country's sovereign options regarding this development;

Or. es

## **Amendment 15**

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

### **Motion for a resolution**

#### **Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

##### *Motion for a resolution*

*Draws attention to* the conclusions of the ex ante evaluation report of June 2013 on the EU-Cook Islands FPA and protocol, according to which previous FPAs/Protocols in the region (Kiribati, Solomon Islands) have not made any meaningful contribution to the development of the local fishing sectors, particularly in terms of joint enterprises (with shared investments) and the development of local processing capacity; *takes the view* that the *EU-Cook Islands FPA should mark a turning point* in this *unsatisfactory scenario by making an effective contribution* to local fishing sector development, thereby matching the objectives announced for the new generation of EU fisheries agreements;

##### *Amendment*

*2. Takes notes of* the conclusions of the ex ante evaluation report of June 2013 on the EU-Cook Islands FPA and protocol, according to which previous FPAs/Protocols in the region (Kiribati, Solomon Islands) have not made any meaningful contribution to the development of the local fishing sectors, particularly in terms of joint enterprises (with shared investments) and the development of local processing capacity, *and that, as the same report points out, it is probably 'unrealistic' to expect that the FPAs and their protocols will generate these benefits given that the costs of processing in this area are much higher than those recorded in other countries or regions*; *takes the view that the EU-Cook Islands FPA should contribute insofar as is possible* to local fishing sector development, thereby matching the objectives announced for the new

generation of EU fisheries agreements;

Or. es

**Amendment 16**  
**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. es

**Amendment 17**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1**

*Motion for a resolution*

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Or. en

#### **Amendment 18**

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

#### **Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 – point a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

*(a) Regrets the attitude of other countries in the region that have not reached partnership agreements with the EU and are opening their fishing grounds up to other countries and regions in the world that on occasion employ fishing practices that do not consider the resources available, instead of opting for the European Union's financial aid which to a large extent targets development of local fisheries, bearing in mind the sustainability parameters EU Member State vessels comply with when fishing under these agreements;*

Or. es

#### **Amendment 19**

**Linnéa Engström**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

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**Paragraph 2 – subparagraph 1 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***Welcomes the inclusion of the obligation that the Cook Islands render public the existence of any agreement authorising foreign fleets to fish in its waters but regrets the lack of precision on overall effort exerted, as has been required under certain other agreements entered into by the EU***

Or. en

**Amendment 20**

**Maria Lidia Senra Rodríguez**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 – indent 3**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

- specific support for the development of local artisanal fishing and communities that rely on it, increasing its contribution to the local economy, helping to improve safety on board and fishermen's incomes, and supporting the development of local fish processing and marketing infrastructure, ***whether to*** supply the domestic market ***or for*** export;

- specific support for the development of local artisanal fishing and communities that rely on it, increasing its contribution to the local economy, helping to improve safety on board and fishermen's incomes, and supporting the development of local fish processing and marketing infrastructure, ***prioritising*** supply ***of*** the domestic market ***over*** export;

Or. es

**Amendment 21**

**José Blanco López, Isabelle Thomas, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Ulrike Rodust**

**Motion for a resolution**

**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***3a. Considers that support for sectoral development is an important aspect of contributing to the sustainability of a***

*partner country, as it helps to enhance the country's operational independence, underpin its development strategy and guarantee its sovereignty;*

Or. es

## Amendment 22

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

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 4

##### *Motion for a resolution*

4. Considers that employment possibilities for local seamen on board EU vessels *could be more objective*; reiterates the need to respect ILO principles, *notably by taking decisive action to* promote the *signing* of its Convention No 188 while at the same time respecting the general principles of freedom of association and collective bargaining for workers, and non-discrimination at the workplace and in professional activity;

##### *Amendment*

4. Considers that employment possibilities for local seamen on board EU vessels *under the partnership agreements do meet international standards*; reiterates the need to respect ILO principles *and* promote the *ratification* of its Convention No 188 while at the same time respecting the general principles of freedom of association and collective bargaining for workers, and non-discrimination at the workplace and in professional activity; *points out, however, that in view of the shortage of skilled seamen for tuna vessels, the Cook Islands' authorities have not requested embarkation in the EU fleet*;

Or. es

## Amendment 23

Nicola Caputo, José Blanco López, Doru-Claudian Frunzuliță

### Motion for a resolution

#### Paragraph 5

##### *Motion for a resolution*

5. Takes the view that measures to prevent IUU fishing in the exclusive economic zone of the Cook Islands should be reinforced, including by improved monitoring, control and surveillance

##### *Amendment*

5. Takes the view that *the EU-Cook Islands FPA and the relevant protocol should allow bilateral cooperation on the fight against illegal fishing to be strengthened and provide the Cook*

through the use of the satellite-based vessel monitoring system, logbooks, inspectors and the implementation of decisions by regional fisheries organisations;

***Islands with the means to finance surveillance programmes, and believes that*** measures to prevent IUU fishing in the exclusive economic zone of the Cook Islands should be reinforced, including by improved monitoring, control and surveillance through the use of the satellite-based vessel monitoring system, logbooks, inspectors and the implementation of decisions by regional fisheries organisations;

Or. it

#### **Amendment 24**

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

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 6**

###### *Motion for a resolution*

6. 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; urges the Commission to promote the regular and transparent functioning of the bodies responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement, ***including by setting up a Joint Scientific Committee that would also involve fishermen's associations;***

###### *Amendment*

6. 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, ***with the involvement of fishermen's associations,*** be gauged more accurately; urges the Commission to promote the regular and transparent functioning of the bodies responsible for monitoring the application of the Agreement, ***and a strengthening of scientific assessments by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) ;***

Or. es

#### **Amendment 25**

**José Blanco López, Ricardo Serrão Santos, Isabelle Thomas, Ulrike Rodust, Nicola Caputo, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Renata Briano**

#### **Motion for a resolution**

##### **Paragraph 6 a (new)**

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*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

**6 a.** *Calls the Commission to consider the application of the precautionary principle accordingly to the rules of the CFP and to analyse the use of floating Fishing Aggregating Devices in the area and its influence in the tuna ecology and make proposals for their use accordingly to their findings;*

Or. en

**Amendment 26**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 7**

*Motion for a resolution*

7. Calls on the Commission to **send** Parliament the minutes and conclusions of meetings of the Joint Committee provided for in Article 6 of the Agreement, the multiannual sectoral programme referred to in Article 3 of the Protocol and the findings of the corresponding annual evaluations, to enable representatives of Parliament to attend Joint Committee meetings as observers, and to promote the participation of Cook Islands fishing communities;

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission to **inform the Parliament in a timely manner about the forthcoming meetings of the Joint Committee and to send the** Parliament the minutes and conclusions of meetings of the Joint Committee provided for in Article 6 of the Agreement, the multiannual sectoral programme referred to in Article 3 of the Protocol and the findings of the corresponding annual evaluations, to enable representatives of Parliament to attend Joint Committee meetings as observers, and to promote the participation of Cook Islands fishing communities;

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Linnéa Engström**

**Motion for a resolution**  
**Paragraph 8 a (new)**

*Motion for a resolution*

*Amendment*

***8 a. Calls on the Commission to keep Parliament fully aware and updated on the level of opposition by the majority of Cook Islanders to this SFPA, and encourages both Parties to ensure that all exploitation of tuna stocks, by all gear types, is within safe biological limits and maintains stocks at levels above those capable of producing Maximum Sustainable Yield,***

Or. en