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# **AMENDMENTS**

## **1 - 25**

**Draft opinion**

**Norbert Neuser**

EC/Comoros Fisheries Partnership Agreement: denunciation  
(2017/2266(INI))



**Amendment 1**  
**Maurice Ponga**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B**

*Draft opinion*

B. whereas illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing affecting coastal areas in the Comoros has detrimental effects on local fisheries, threatening the income and livelihoods of small-scale fishers *and* the food security *of coastal regions*, and ultimately exacerbating poverty;

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B. whereas illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing affecting coastal areas in the Comoros has detrimental effects on local fisheries *and biodiversity*, threatening the income and livelihoods of small-scale fishers, the food security *and the sustainable development of the Comoros* and ultimately exacerbating poverty;

Or. en

**Amendment 2**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Ba. whereas maritime resources are not unlimited; whereas the African continent loses billions of dollars each year to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing;*

*Amendment*

Or. fr

**Amendment 3**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Bb. whereas, according to the FAO, illegal fishing accounts for some 26*

*Amendment*

*million tonnes of fish per year or more than 15% of the total world catch; whereas illegal overfishing undermines the regeneration of fish stocks, threatens biodiversity, the marine ecosystem and food security and causes significant economic losses;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 4**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Bc. whereas the sustainable management of marine ecosystems is crucial in limiting the harmful effects of climate change; whereas the COP21 has emphasised the urgency of reversing the trend of overproduction;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 5**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Bd. whereas the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the SDGs incorporated, for the first time, a goal related to the conservation and sustainable use of seas and marine resources (Goal 14);*

Or. fr

**Amendment 6**

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**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital B e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**Be.** *whereas the FAO Blue Growth Initiative aims, inter alia, to eliminate overfishing and IUU fishing;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 7**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

1. *Points out* that IUU fishing is a major economic and environmental problem worldwide, threatening the sustainability of fish stocks and food security, and the biodiversity of the world's oceans; stresses that IUU fishing also undermines fisheries management efforts and constitutes unfair competition for fishers, in particular from artisanal fleets, and others who operate in accordance with the law, with serious social *and* economic repercussions; notes that high levels of IUU fishing tend to be more frequent in countries with weak governance;

1. *Is aware* that IUU fishing is a major economic and environmental problem worldwide, *in both marine and freshwater fisheries*, threatening the sustainability of fish stocks and food security, and the biodiversity of the world's oceans; stresses that IUU fishing also undermines fisheries management efforts and constitutes unfair competition for fishers, in particular from artisanal fleets, and others who operate in accordance with the law, with serious social, economic *and environmental* repercussions; notes that high levels of IUU fishing tend to be more frequent in countries with weak governance;

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1**

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Or. fr

**Amendment 9**

**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Recalls that the sustainability of fish stocks is a problem that needs to be addressed globally; underlines the obligation of the international community to assist developing countries to meet this challenge;***

Or. fr

**Amendment 10**

**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Considers it necessary to support artisanal fishing, which in some developing countries is the only activity***

*and the only source of income for the majority of the coastal population;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 11**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Emphasises that developing countries are particularly vulnerable to IUU fishing due to their limited capacity for control and surveillance of their waters, which further destabilises the management of their fisheries;

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Or. en

**Amendment 12**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2**

*Draft opinion*

2. Emphasises that developing countries are particularly vulnerable to IUU fishing due to their limited capacity for control and surveillance of their waters, which further destabilises the management of their fisheries;

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Or. fr

**Amendment 13**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Welcomes the EU's zero tolerance policy towards illegal fishing worldwide;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 14**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b. Congratulates those developing countries that have incorporated the concepts of the FAO Blue Growth Initiative in the measures and action plans drawn up at national level and those States that have ratified the MREP agreement to put in place a legal scheme to eliminate 'ports of convenience' and increase the penalties imposed on those practising IUU fishing;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 15**  
**Maurice Ponga**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

3. Regrets that the sectoral support provided for under the Protocol to the FPA **for the sustained operation of** a national register of fishing vessels and **the drawing up and implementation of a** national action

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plan against IUU fishing in Comorian waters and by Comorian-flagged vessels **has not been adequately used by the Comorian authorities**, which has led to the Comoros being identified as a non-cooperating country under the IUU Regulation;

fishing vessels and **to draw up and implement a robust national action plan and legal framework** against IUU fishing in Comorian waters and by Comorian-flagged vessels, which has led to the Comoros being identified as a non-cooperating country under the IUU Regulation;

Or. en

## **Amendment 16** **Louis Michel**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 4**

#### *Draft opinion*

4. Regrets that in addition to the Comorian administration's lack of capacity to tackle IUU fishing, the Commission reported a lack of governance/insufficient political will from the Comorian national authorities;

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4. Regrets that in addition to the Comorian administration's lack of capacity to tackle IUU fishing, the Commission reported a lack of governance/insufficient political will from the Comorian national authorities; **stresses the importance of combating IUU fishing through a strong political commitment and concrete measures to ensure maritime safety and security**;

Or. fr

## **Amendment 17** **Maurice Ponga**

### **Draft opinion** **Paragraph 4**

#### *Draft opinion*

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**Amendment 18**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4**

*Draft opinion*

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Or. fr

**Amendment 19**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a. Calls for a strengthening the capacity of developing countries in administrative matters, but also in resource mapping and evaluation; calls, furthermore, for measures to help them draw up reliable and objective statistics, contributing to the formulation of policies and strategies in the economic sphere and as regards monitoring and the protection of legal fishing;**

Or. fr

**Amendment 20**  
**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Recalls that many SIDS and LDCs need financial and technical assistance to create and implement national and regional strategies for the sustainability, preservation and protection of their fisheries industries;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 21**

**Louis Michel**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4c.** *Stresses that the fight against flags of convenience also ensures decent living and working conditions for crews, thus combating human rights abuses and violations;*

Or. fr

**Amendment 22**

**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 7**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

7. Calls on the Commission to pursue its political and fisheries sectoral dialogue with the Comorian authorities, leading to the fulfilment by the latter of the provisions under the IUU Regulation and, ultimately, to the removal of this country from the list of non-cooperating countries; calls, in the meantime, for the assistance received by the Comoros under other EU financial instruments to be reoriented so that the population does not pay the cost of this

7. Calls on the Commission to pursue its political and fisheries sectoral dialogue with the Comorian authorities, ***a dialogue which should be respectful and effective, taking into account both the objectives of the IUU Regulation and the difficult economic and social conditions of the Comoros***, leading to the fulfilment by the latter of the provisions under the IUU Regulation and, ultimately, to the removal of this country from the list of non-

state of affairs;

cooperating countries; calls, in the meantime, for the assistance received by the Comoros under other EU financial instruments to be reoriented so that the population does not pay the cost of this state of affairs;

Or. fr

**Amendment 23**  
**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 8**

*Draft opinion*

8. *Emphasises* that fisheries control authorities worldwide should be provided with sufficient resources (human, financial and technological) enabling them to fully implement fisheries laws and regulations;

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Or. fr

**Amendment 24**  
**Doru-Claudian Frunzulică**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 9**

*Draft opinion*

9. Is convinced that the fight against IUU fishing greatly depends on a coherent response at international level, including from flag states, coastal states, port states and market states; takes the view that this response should be based on the uniform application of international law and regulations on IUU fishing and on an extensive and accurate exchange of information; calls on the international community to take similar measures to those adopted by the EU to close markets to IUU-caught fish.

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**Amendment 25**

**Mireille D'Ornano, Florian Philippot**

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