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OPINION

of the Committee on Budgets

for the Committee on Fisheries

on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union (13484/2019 – C9-0178/2019 – 2019/0226(NLE))

Rapporteur for opinion: Paolo De Castro

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SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union (hereinafter ‘the Union’) and the Republic of Senegal¹ entered into force on 20 November 2014. The Commission conducted negotiations with the Government of the Republic of Senegal resulting in a new Protocol which was initialled on 19 July 2019 and repeals the previous Protocol, which had expired on 19 November 2019.

The new Protocol provides fishing opportunities for the Union vessels in Senegalese waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and following the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). This new Protocol takes into account the results of an evaluation of the previous Protocol (2014-2019) and of a forward-looking assessment of whether a new Protocol should be concluded. Both were carried out by external experts. The Protocol will also enable the Union and the Republic of Senegal to work more closely on promoting sound exploitation of fishery resources in Senegalese waters and to support efforts by the Republic of Senegal to develop its blue economy, in the interests of both parties.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- (a) 28 freezer tuna seiners;
- (b) 10 pole-and-line vessels;
- (c) 5 longliners;
- (d) 2 trawlers.

The negotiation of a new protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Senegal forms part of the Union’s external action in relation to African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries and takes into account, in particular, the Union objectives on respecting democratic principles and human rights. The economic activity generated in Senegal’s fisheries sector, although at local level, would help to address the root causes of irregular migration.

The Protocol covers a period of five years from the date of its provisional application, i.e. from the date on which it was signed.

The annual financial contribution from the Union is EUR 1 700 000, based on:

- (a) a specific annual amount of EUR 800 000 as financial compensation for access to resources, including an amount equivalent to a reference tonnage of 10 000 tonnes per year for highly migratory species;
- (b) a specific amount of EUR 900 000 per year for five years to support implementation of the Senegalese sectoral fisheries policy. This support meets the objectives of Senegal’s national policy on the sustainable management of its fishery resources for the entire duration of the Protocol.

The annual amount for commitment and payment appropriations is established during the annual budgetary procedure, including for the reserve line for protocols not having entered into

¹ OJ L 304, 23.10.2014, p. 3.

force at the beginning of the year².

The Commission would be authorised to approve, on behalf of the Union, amendments to the Protocol to be adopted by the Joint Committee set up under the Partnership Agreement.

The Committee on Budgets calls on the Committee on Fisheries, as the committee responsible, to recommend approval of the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal.

² In accordance with the Interinstitutional Agreement on cooperation in budgetary matters (2013/C 373/01).

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Senegal and the European Union
References	13484/2019 – C9-0178/2019 – 2019/0226(NLE)
Committee responsible	PECH
Opinion by Date announced in plenary	BUDG 28.11.2019
Rapporteur Date appointed	Paolo De Castro 25.11.2019
Discussed in committee	22.1.2020
Date adopted	17.2.2020
Result of final vote	+: 26 –: 2 0: 2
Members present for the final vote	Rasmus Andresen, Anna Bonfrisco, Olivier Chastel, Lefteris Christoforou, David Cormand, Paolo De Castro, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Alexandra Geese, Valerie Hayer, Monika Hohlmeier, Moritz Körner, Janusz Lewandowski, Margarida Marques, Silvia Modig, Siegfried Mureşan, Jan Olbrycht, Karlo Ressler, Bogdan Rzońca, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds, Nils Ušakovs, Angelika Winzig
Substitutes present for the final vote	Erik Bergkvist, Damian Boeselager, Jens Geier, Fabienne Keller, Aušra Maldeikienė
Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote	Delara Burkhardt, Nicolaus Fest, Herve Juvin

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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ECR	Bogdan Rzońca
PPE	Lefteris Christoforou, Monika Hohlmeier, Janusz Lewandowski, Aušra Maldeikienė, Siegfried Mureşan, Jan Olbrycht, Karlo Ressler, Angelika Winzig
RENEW	Olivier Chastel, Valerie Hayer, Fabienne Keller, Moritz Körner, Nicolae Ştefănuţă, Nils Torvalds
S&D	Erik Bergkvist, Delara Burkhardt, Paolo De Castro, Eider Gardiazabal Rubial, Jens Geier, Margarida Marques, Nils Ušakovs
VERTS/ALE	Rasmus Andresen, Damian Boeselager, David Cormand, Alexandra Geese

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GUE/NGL	Silvia Modig
ID	Herve Juvin

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ID	Anna Bonfrisco, Nicolaus Fest

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+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention