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## **ERRATUM/ADDENDUM**

to the report

on EU relations with the Pacific Islands - A strategy for a strengthened partnership  
(2006/2204(INI))

Committee on Development

Rapporteur: Nirj Deva  
A6-0325/2006

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### **Insert the following opinion:**

*Committee on Fisheries  
the Chairman*

Mrs Luisa Morgantini  
Chair  
Committee on Development  
Brussels

### SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Development, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses the importance of sound management in the fisheries sector, so as to discourage over-fishing and destructive fishing techniques and to prevent environmental hazards from destroying marine life, particularly in the case of tuna fisheries, in respect of which the Pacific has one of the richest fishing grounds in the world;
2. Welcomes the Commission's proposal to increase efforts to promote sustainable fisheries management by supporting local monitoring, control and surveillance systems through the Fisheries Partnership Agreements in the region, and with third countries in the region and the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Union (French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Wallis and Futuna, Pitcairn);

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3. Applauds the regional approach that the Pacific Island countries have taken to managing tuna fisheries in their region by setting up a new regional fisheries organisation, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC); believes that, in accordance with the 2001 Council decision, the Commission should continue to negotiate bilaterally with countries in the region, with the aim of creating a network of agreements for the Community tuna fleet similar to that which already exists in the Indian Ocean;
4. Considers that access to this area is crucial for the long-term development of the Community tuna fleet; to that end, welcomes the conclusions of the scientific studies showing that the general state of stocks is satisfactory;
5. Recognises the importance of European Union financial assistance to encourage the development of local fisheries in the region, which is a major source of revenue for Pacific island countries and especially states with lower gross national incomes such as Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia and Tuvalu;
6. Stresses the importance of addressing the problem of the illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, which currently represents the most serious threat to the sustainability of fish stocks;
7. Calls on the European Union and the states of the Pacific region to support the FAO international action plan for combating IUU fishing; considers that this must be a priority when agreements are concluded with third countries;
8. Calls on the European Union and the Pacific island countries to collaborate closely in order to eliminate IUU fishing in the region, making every effort to comply with their obligations as port and/or flag states;
9. Takes the view that an exclusivity clause ensuring good practice to combat unfair competition among Community operators should be included in all fisheries agreements.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	EU relations with the Pacific Islands - A strategy for a strengthened partnership	
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<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Elspeth Attwooll, Iles Braghetto, David Casa, Zdzisław Kazimierz Chmielewski, Carmen Fraga Estévez, Ioannis Gklavakis, Alfred Gomolka, Pedro Guerreiro, Heinz Kindermann, Albert Jan Maat, Rosa Miguélez Ramos, Catherine Stihler, Margie Sudre, Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna	
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Chris Davies, Duarte Freitas	
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	Ole Christensen, Siiri Oviir, Anders Samuelsen	
<b>Comments (available in one language only)</b>	...	

(Concerns all languages).