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referitor la propunerea de regulament al Consiliului privind încheierea
Acordului de parteneriat în domeniul pescuitului între Comunitatea Europeană
și Republica Guineea-Bissau
(COM(2007)0580 – C6-0391/2007 – 2007/0209(CNS))

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JUSTIFICARE SUCCINTĂ

The European Union's development co-operation policy and the common fisheries policy (CFP) must be consistent, complementary and co-ordinated, contributing, as a whole, to poverty reduction and the sustainable development of the countries concerned.

The EU has committed itself to ensuring the sustainability of fisheries worldwide, as defined at the United Nations 2002 summit in Johannesburg, maintaining or restoring stock levels with a view to producing the maximum sustainable yield.

The EU has accepted the UN's Food and Agricultural Organization's "Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries", to promote long-term sustainable fisheries and to affirm that the right to fish carries with it the obligation to do so in a responsible manner so as to ensure effective conservation and management of the living aquatic resources.

The EU's presence in distant fishing grounds is a legitimate objective, but it must be recalled that the interest of European Union's fisheries ought to be protected alongside the interest in developing the nations with which fisheries agreements are signed.

The European Parliament's Development Committee welcomes the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly resolution of 22 June 2006 on "Fisheries and their social and environmental aspects in developing countries", in particular in so far as it considers that the protection of EU and ACP fishing interests must be coordinated with the sustainable management of fishery resources in economic, social and environmental terms on the one hand, and with the livelihoods of coastal communities dependent on fisheries on the other.

The European Parliament's Development Committee further stresses the reference made in the ACP-EU Fisheries Partnership Agreement to the observation of the Cotonou Agreement; insists that full account must be taken of Article 9 of the Cotonou Agreement on human rights, democratic principles, good governance and the rule of law, and welcomes the guarantees given by the Commission services to the effect that they shall take into consideration the content of Article 9 when negotiating agreements with developing countries, including non-ACP developing countries.

The proposed agreement will repeal and replace the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau which entered into force on 29 August 1980.

The Protocol and the Annex have been concluded for a period of four years from the date on which the appropriate adoption procedures are completed. It shall be tacitly renewed for further four years periods.

The Protocol to the proposed agreement grants fishing possibilities for 23 tuna seiners and surface longliners, from Spain, France and Portugal, and for 14 pole-and-line vessels, from Spain and France, subject to a total of 37 licences.

The financial contribution is fixed at EUR 7 million per year. An additional contribution of EUR 500 000 per year will be specifically targeted for improving the health and hygiene

conditions of fishery products. However, this contribution could also be used to support control and surveillance measures.

The European Parliament's Development Committee welcomes the referred link to national initiatives and hope that they may include the financing to local infrastructure projects of processing and marketing of the fish, thus allowing local populations to go beyond subsistence fisheries.

The European Parliament's Development Committee also welcomes the fact that the agreement is proposing to support measures for the monitoring, control and surveillance of fisheries and that it fosters scientific and technical cooperation with local authorities. The above mentioned ACP-EU resolution considers that scientific resource assessment must be a precondition for access to fishing, and that an annual evaluation of resources must be a condition for obtaining further fishing permits.

The European Parliament's Development Committee do not endorse the procedure adopted for this agreement because the European Parliament should have played a part in the negotiation mandate, which the Council would have given to the Commission, and should be informed of the development of the negotiations.

Parliament has been consulted about the proposed agreement only in November 2007, five months after the agreement was initialled, with the aim of coming into effect on 16 June 2007. Parliament, even noticing the shorter delay compared with previous similar Agreements, should object and should insist that this procedure is not acceptable.

The Commission and the Council must reach an agreement on the conditions that would give the Parliament a real opportunity to be consulted. In the absence of such circumstance, the Committee on Fisheries should lead Parliament's reaction to the present status quo, including the option of voting against fisheries agreements submitted under present procedure.

AMENDAMENTE

Comisia pentru dezvoltare recomandă Comisiei pentru pescuit, competentă în fond, să includă în raportul său următoarele amendamente:

Text propus de Comisie¹

Amendamentele Parlamentului

Amendamentul 1
Considerentul 2a (nou)

***(2a) Contribuția financiară a Comunității
ar trebui utilizată la dezvoltarea
populațiilor de pe coastă, care trăiesc din***

¹ Nepublicat încă în JO.

*pescuit, precum și la crearea de mici
industrii locale de congelare și prelucrare a
peștelui;*

PROCEDURĂ

Titlu	Acordul de parteneriat în sectorul pescuitului între CE și Republica Guineea-Bissau
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