



2019/0090(NLE)

20.12.2019

OPINION

of the Committee on Development

for the Committee on Fisheries

on the proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024)
(08928/2019 – C9-0011/2019– 2019/0090(NLE))

Rapporteur for opinion: Caroline Roose

PA_Leg_Consent

SHORT JUSTIFICATION

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau is a mixed agreement which entered into force on 15 April 2008. The previous Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 24 November 2014 and expired on 23 November 2017.

Like its previous incarnation, the new Protocol for 2019-2024 must comply with the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) Regulation, which places emphasis on sustainable fisheries and good governance in particular, while recognising the importance of policy consistency between the CFP and the EU's development cooperation objectives.

A financial contribution of EUR 15.6 million per year has been allocated to the new Protocol. That total amount comprises EUR 11.6 million per year for access to fish stocks in the categories laid down in the Protocol, and EUR 4 million per year to support the development of Guinea-Bissau's sectoral fisheries policy, as well as its blue economy.

With regard to the sector-specific support, the funding is intended to help implement the national fisheries and blue economy strategy, in particular by boosting the monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities, building up scientific knowledge of fish stocks, supporting local communities, developing infrastructure, stepping up international cooperation and supporting the blue economy.

The rapporteur believes that the new Protocol has the potential to promote the responsible and sustainable exploitation of fish stocks, and that it is in keeping with the objectives of agreements on sustainable fisheries and development cooperation.

The rapporteur emphasises the importance of promoting ecosystem protection and maintaining fish stocks above the levels required to obtain the maximum sustainable yield, as more abundant fish stocks are essential for the development of coastal fishing communities, in line with the FAO Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries.

The rapporteur also takes the view that more emphasis should be placed on stepping up the control and surveillance of fishing activities in order for illegal fishing to be tackled more effectively.

The Committee on Development 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 Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024).

PROCEDURE – COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

Title	Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea-Bissau (2019-2024)						
References	08928/2019 – C9-0011/2019 – 2019/0090(NLE)						
Committee responsible	PECH						
Opinion by Date announced in plenary	DEVE 15.7.2019						
Rapporteur Date appointed	Caroline Roose 4.9.2019						
Discussed in committee	7.11.2019						
Date adopted	3.12.2019						
Result of final vote	<table> <tr> <td>+: </td><td>21</td></tr> <tr> <td>–: </td><td>2</td></tr> <tr> <td>0: </td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	+:	21	–:	2	0:	0
+:	21						
–:	2						
0:	0						
Members present for the final vote	Hildegard Bentele, Dominique Bilde, Charles Goerens, Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, György Hölvényi, Martin Horwood, Rasa Juknevičienė, Beata Kempa, Pierfrancesco Majorino, Lukas Mandl, Norbert Neuser, Michèle Rivasi, Louis Stedman-Bryce, Marc Tarabella, Tomas Tobé, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou, Bernhard Zimmnick						
Substitutes present for the final vote	Alessandra Basso, Stéphane Bijoux, Marlene Mortler, Rory Palmer, Caroline Roose, Carlos Zorrinho						

FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

21	+
PPE	Hildegard Bentele, György Hölvényi, Rasa Juknevičienė, Lukas Mandl, Marlene Mortler, Tomas Tobé
S&D	Pierfrancesco Majorino, Norbert Neuser, Rory Palmer, Marc Tarabella, Carlos Zorrinho
Renew	Stéphane Bijoux, Charles Goerens, Martin Horwood, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou
Verts/ALE	Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Michèle Rivasi, Caroline Roose
ECR	Beata Kempa
ID	Alessandra Basso, Bernhard Zimniok

2	-
ID	Dominique Bilde
NI	Louis Stedman-Bryce

0	0

Key to symbols:

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention