

**Question for written answer E-002276/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU-Mozambique fisheries agreement

The European Commission is currently negotiating the Protocol to establish the extent of the catches and the corresponding financial compensation provided for in the fisheries partnership agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mozambique, which concludes on 31 December 2014.

I would like to ask for the Commission's views on the results of the application of the agreement to date, in both economic and social terms.

Specifically,

1. Is it profitable for the long-line and purse-seine vessels fishing in the zone?
2. Is the agreed embarkation of Mozambican mariners being fulfilled?
3. Is the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work being complied with as regards the mariners enrolled on these boats?

Lastly, I would like to know whether the negotiations on the new Protocol are exploring the possibility of including cephalopods in the ambit of the catches covered by the Agreement.