

**Question for written answer E-002199/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cape Verde's need for a fisheries product quota in the context of the fisheries agreement with the Union

The current fisheries agreement between the EU and Cape Verde, which will expire in July 2024, has been renewed every five years since 2007. Cape Verde also benefits from the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP +) and a derogation from the preferential rules of origin (Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446) as regards prepared or preserved fillets of mackerel, frigate mackerel and tuna.

This derogation, which has made it possible to consolidate the national fisheries sector and its export capacities to the Union, is essential, as the Cape Verdean catch does not cover 20 % of the needs of domestic processing companies. However, this derogation has to be renegotiated every three years, causing great uncertainty for the country's industry, employment and economy.

In light of the above:

Is the Commission considering allocating a compensatory quota to Cape Verde linked to the negotiations for the renewal of the fisheries agreement with the EU?

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