

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0934/09
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to the Commission

Subject: The EU-Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement

Is the Commission aware that the Seychelles has recently undertaken a revision of its fisheries policy aimed at improving the management of its fisheries resources, as well as maximising revenues?

Following this review, I understand that the Seychelles has engaged the Commission in discussions on the subject of fishing licences in order to ensure that its fisheries resources will be properly conserved for future generations, and that the Seychelles will be compensated for any catches which exceed the designated tonnages.

In particular, the Seychelles is seeking a long-term solution for the declaration of catches within its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by long-distance operators. Would the Commission agree that the current terms of the EU-Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreements do not allow for this to be sufficiently addressed? Could the Commission please clarify what steps, if any, it is taking to improve the situation?