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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Fisheries

for the Committee on Budgets

on the draft general budget of the European Union for the financial year 2010,  
Section III – Commission  
(C7-0300/2009 – 2009/2002(BUD))

Rapporteur: Carmen Fraga Estévez

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## **SHORT JUSTIFICATION**

In the area of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), efforts will be devoted to the preparation of reform proposals to be adopted by the Commission following completion of the consultation launched by the Reform Green Paper in 2009. This work will take place against the background of the first year of full implementation of the new control framework for fisheries.

The Regulation against Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing will also apply from 1 January 2010. From January 2010, compliance with conservation and management rules will govern the external trade with fishery products under the IUU Regulation. This will be a major change compared to the current situation.

Within chapter 11 02 'Fisheries markets' the same measures will be financed under the Common Market Organisation (CMO) and for the outermost regions as in previous years not taking into account their specific characteristics. The decrease of payment appropriations for the CMO reflects the actual level of implementation.

2010 will be the half way point for the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) under chapter 11 06. For the EFF, the Commission proposes EUR 643.18 million in commitment appropriations. Commitment appropriations will increase marginally, whereas payment appropriations for the chapter will decrease more substantially. The decrease in payment appropriations relates exclusively to payments for the former Financial Instrument for Fisheries Guidance (FIFG) 2000-2006 where few payments are expected in 2010.

## **SUGGESTIONS**

The Committee on Fisheries calls on the Committee on Budgets, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Welcomes the proposals for the Fisheries and Maritime Policy Budget in 2010 despite the fact that the resources decided on under the Financial Perspective for 2007-2013 are insufficient to meet the needs of the fisheries sector at a time of profound and continued crisis in the fishing industry, characterised by increased costs, smaller catches, and lower income;
2. Welcomes the continuation of the Preparatory Actions on Maritime Policy and on the Monitoring Centre for Fisheries Market Prices, thus ensuring that these initiatives will not be blocked in 2010;
3. Welcomes the increase in commitment appropriations proposed for the control and enforcement of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) relating to the Community contribution to the Community Fisheries Control Agency (CFCA) which will become operational in 2010, but considers that this increase insufficient to co-finance control measures carried out by the Member States; considers that the CFP can be duly

implemented only on the basis of full compliance by the Member States with fisheries controls;

4. Considers that the entry into force of the IUU regulation<sup>1</sup> and the new control regulation, both probably in 2010, will require sufficient financial and other resources from the Commission and the Member States; agrees with the Commission that considerable savings may be made by improvements to the control regulation; urges the Community to provide support to third countries that require it in order to meet the provisions of the IUU regulation;
5. Expresses its concern over the proposed reduction in the resources available under chapter 11 04 'Governance of the Common Fisheries Policy'; given the importance of Regional Advisory Councils (RACs), it considers that an appropriate level of funding is indispensable for better governance of the CFP; considers, in addition, that the Commission should introduce greater flexibility and transparency in the rules governing the financial activities of the RACs, which are currently subject to an excess of interpretative criteria on the Commission's part, with a view to ensuring that existing rigidities no longer prevent the RACs from spending the entirety of the limited budget allocated to them;
6. Believes there should be an increase in support for the most remote regions, specifically in the context of the compensation regime for additional costs relating to the disposal of certain fisheries products of the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French departments of Guiana and Réunion and in line with Parliament's resolution of 26 April 2007<sup>2</sup>;
7. Expresses its concern that a new European Union maritime policy could develop to detriment of the existing priority areas of the CFP in so far as their budgetary funding is concerned; the funds proposed are not sufficient to cover all aspects of the launch of a new European Union maritime policy; in future, such a policy will require adequate financing under more than one budget line;
8. Expresses its concern over the competitiveness and position of Community producers on the Community market, and suggests the inclusion of specific budgetary measures to aid the preservation of sustainable fisheries, the proper balancing of supply and demand and the full exploitation of products on the market;
9. Welcomes, in the context of the external dimension of the CFP, the continued inclusion of specific budget measures aimed at reinforcing and developing the Community's participation and presence in both fisheries partnership agreements with third countries and regional fisheries management organisations.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93, (EC) No 1936/2001 and (EC) No 601/2004 and repealing Regulations (EC) No 1093/94 and (EC) No 1447/1999, L 286 29.10.2008, p. 0001.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 74 E, 20.3.2008, p. 735.

## RESULT OF FINAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE

<b>Date adopted</b>	1.9.2009
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 18 -: 1 0: 0
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Carmen Fraga Estévez, Carlos José Iturgaiz Angulo, Maria do Céu Patrão Neves, Jarosław Leszek Wałęsa, Josefa Andres Barea, Guido Milana, Ulrike Rodust, Pat the Cope Gallagher, Carl Haglund, Isabella Lövin, Marek Józef Gróbarczyk, Struan Stevenson, João Ferreira
<b>Substitute(s) present for the final vote</b>	Alain Cadec, Werner Kuhn, Gabriel Mato Adrover, Ioannis Tsoukalas, Ole Christensen, Estelle Grelier, Antolín Sánchez Presedo, Izaskun Bilbao Barandica, Jean-Paul Besset, Raül Romeva i Rueda
<b>Substitute(s) under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	