

Fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the EU-São Tomé and Príncipe Fisheries Partnership Agreement ***

European Parliament legislative resolution of 23 June 2011 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (05371/2011 – C7-0119/2011 – 2010/0355(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (05371/2011),
 - having regard to the draft protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe (05370/2011),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C7-0119/2011),
 - having regard to Rules 81 and 90(8) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Fisheries and the opinions of the Committee on Development and the Committee on Budgets (A7-0194/2011),
1. Consents to conclusion of the protocol;
 2. Calls on the Commission to forward to Parliament the conclusions of the meetings and activities of the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe ("the Partnership Agreement"), as well as the multiannual sectoral programme provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol and the corresponding annual evaluations; calls on the Commission to facilitate the participation of representatives of Parliament as observers in the meetings of the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Partnership Agreement; calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament and the Council, during the final year of application of the Protocol and before the opening of negotiations for its renewal, a full report on its implementation, without unnecessary restrictions on access to this document;
 3. Calls on the Council and the Commission, in the context of their respective powers, to keep Parliament immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures relating to the Protocol and to renewal thereof in accordance with Article 13(2) of the Treaty on European Union and Article 218(10) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union;
 4. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council, the Commission and the governments and parliaments of the Member States and of the Democratic Republic of São

Tomé and Príncipe.