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Fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the EU-Comoros Fisheries Partnership Agreement ***

European Parliament legislative resolution of 16 April 2014 on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement currently in force between the two parties (16130/2013 – C7-0011/2014 – 2013/0388(NLE))

(Consent)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the draft Council decision (16130/2013),
 - having regard to the draft protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force (16127/2013),
 - having regard to the request for consent submitted by the Council in accordance with Article 43 and Article 218(6), second subparagraph, point (a), and (7), of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (C7-0011/2014),
 - having regard to Rule 81(1), first and third subparagraphs, Rule 81(2), and Rule 90(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the recommendation of the Committee on Fisheries and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A7-0177/2014),
1. Gives its consent to conclusion of the protocol;
 2. Calls on the Commission to forward to Parliament the minutes and the conclusions of the meetings of the Joint Committee to monitor the implementation, interpretation and application of the Agreement, as provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement, as well as the evaluation of the progress made in implementing multiannual sectorial programme provided for in Article 3 of the protocol; calls on the Commission to facilitate the participation of representatives of Parliament as observers in the meetings of the Joint Committee; calls on the Commission to submit to Parliament and the Council, within the last 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 document access;
 3. Calls on the Council and the Commission, acting within the limits of their respective powers, to keep Parliament immediately and fully informed at all stages of the procedures related to the new protocol and its renewal, pursuant to 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 Union of the Comoros.