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on the proposal for a Council regulation on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand
(COM(2006)0804 – C6-0506/2006 – 2006/0262(CNS))

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Rapporteur: Albert Jan Maat

Symbols for procedures

- * Consultation procedure
majority of the votes cast
- **I Cooperation procedure (first reading)
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- **II Cooperation procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
majority of Parliament's component Members, to reject or amend
the common position*
- *** Assent procedure
*majority of Parliament's component Members except in cases
covered by Articles 105, 107, 161 and 300 of the EC Treaty and
Article 7 of the EU Treaty*
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- ***II Codecision procedure (second reading)
*majority of the votes cast, to approve the common position
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- ***III Codecision procedure (third reading)
majority of the votes cast, to approve the joint text

(The type of procedure depends on the legal basis proposed by the Commission.)

Amendments to a legislative text

In amendments by Parliament, amended text is highlighted in ***bold italics***. Highlighting in *normal italics* is an indication for the relevant departments showing parts of the legislative text for which a correction is proposed, to assist preparation of the final text (for instance, obvious errors or omissions in a given language version). These suggested corrections are subject to the agreement of the departments concerned.

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DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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(Consultation procedure)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (COM(2006)0804)¹,
 - having regard to Article 37 in conjunction with Article 300(2) of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Article 300(3), first subparagraph, of the EC Treaty, pursuant to which the Council consulted Parliament (C6-0506/2006),
 - having regard to Rule 51 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (A6-0000/2007),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
 2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
 3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament if it intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 4. Calls for initiation of the conciliation procedure under the Joint Declaration of 4 March 1975 if the Council intends to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
 5. Asks the Council to consult Parliament again if it intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
 6. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendments by Parliament

Amendment 1

Protocol, Article 1, paragraph 2, subparagraph 2

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¹ Not yet published in OJ.

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Justification

In the unlikely event that compensation involving fishing opportunities is not possible, it is reasonable to bring payment into line accordingly.

Amendment 2

Protocol, Article 1, paragraph 7 a (new)

7a. If, after 2010, the quota is found not to be in line with the EU's own policy on sustainability, the Community reserves the right to adjust it.

Justification

EU fisheries policy should be consistent both within and outside the EU.

Amendment 3

Protocol, Article 2, paragraph 1

1. For the period referred to in Article 1 of this Protocol, the financial contribution of the Community referred to in Article 7 of the Agreement shall be EUR 85.843.464. To this shall be added a financial reserve of EUR 9.240.000 out of which payment shall be made according to the method set out in paragraph 3 below, for quantities of cod and capelin actually made available by Greenland beyond those set out in Chapter I of the Annex hereto.

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Amendment 4

Protocol, Article 3, paragraph 1

1. Where serious circumstances, ***other than natural phenomena***, prevent fishing activities in the Greenlandic EEZ, the European Community may suspend payment of the financial contribution provided for in Article 2(1) of this Protocol following consultations between the two parties where possible, and provided that the Community has paid in full any amounts due at the time of suspension.

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Justification

The consequences of possible natural phenomena would be borne too one-sidedly by the EU.

Amendment 5

Protocol, Article 4, paragraph 2, letter (b)

(b) the objectives, both annual and multiannual, to be achieved with a view to securing a continuation, over time, of responsible fishing and sustainable fisheries, taking account of the priorities expressed by Greenland in its national fisheries policy and other policies relating to or having an impact on the continuation of responsible fishing and sustainable fisheries;

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Justification

Similar to justification for Amendment 2.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This fisheries partnership agreement between the EU, Denmark and Greenland is a special agreement. Related payments are in fact higher than might be expected on the basis of a fisheries-only agreement.

What is noticeable is that the sector's own contribution is relatively low, all of which indicates that this fisheries agreement is part of a broad Greenland-EU cooperation package. It is striking that the agreement has little to say about joint efforts concerning sustainability or joint management of stocks. Current ocean warming makes it likely that fish species are migrating further northwards and that, for instance, low cod stocks in the North Sea are offset by levels in the Northern Seas. The Commission would do well to work on a stronger integrated approach for the North Atlantic area.