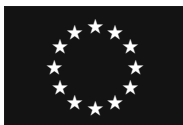


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## **DRAFT REPORT**

on the proposal for a Council decision on the approval of amendments to the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries allowing for the establishment of dispute settlement procedures, the extension of the scope of the Convention and a review of the objectives of the Convention  
(COM(2008)0512 – C6-0338/2008 – 2008/0166(CNS))

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Rapporteur: Philippe Morillon

### ***Symbols for procedures***

- \* Consultation procedure  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*I Cooperation procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*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*
- \*\*\*I Codecision procedure (first reading)  
*majority of the votes cast*
- \*\*\*II Codecision 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*
- \*\*\*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.)

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## DRAFT EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

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**(Consultation procedure)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal for a Council decision (COM(2008)0512)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to Article 37 and 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 (C6-0338/2008),
  - having regard to Rules 51 and 83(7) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Fisheries (A6-0000/2008),
1. Approves amendment of the convention;
  2. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Not yet published in OJ.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic Fisheries (the Convention), was signed in London on 18 November 1980 and entered into force on 17 March 1982. The Community acceded to the Convention on 13 July 1981<sup>1</sup>.

The Convention established a regional fisheries management organisation, the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC), with the aim of promoting the conservation and optimum utilisation of fisheries resources of the North-East Atlantic within a framework appropriate to the regime of extended coastal state jurisdiction over fisheries, and accordingly of encouraging international cooperation and consultations with respect to resources.

The proposal for a Council decision aims to:

- transpose into Community law the amendments to the Convention adopted by the NEAFC at its 23rd annual meeting in November 2004, allowing it to adopt recommendations establishing procedures for the settlement of disputes arising from the Convention;
- better define the scope of the Convention, which covers those parts of the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans and their dependent seas which lie north of 36° north latitude and between 42° west longitude and 51° east longitude, but excluding:
  - the Baltic Sea and the Belts lying to the south and east of lines drawn from Hasenore Head to Gniben Point, from Korshage to Spodsbjerg and from Gilbjerg Head to the Kullen,
  - the Mediterranean Sea and its dependent seas as far as the point of intersection of the parallel of 36° latitude and the meridian of 5°36' west longitude,
  - that part of the Atlantic Ocean north of 59° north latitude and between 44° west longitude and 42° west longitude;
- clarify the definitions and add new definitions;
- incorporate sedentary species in the scope of the Convention.

Rapporteur's remarks:

Given that the amendments made to the Convention are likely to facilitate its application, in particular as regards the settlement of disputes, and that they also improve the sustainable management of fisheries resources, the rapporteur is in favour of the proposal for a Council decision.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 227, 12.8.1981, p. 21.