COUNCIL DECISION

of 20 June 1991

authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend until 7 March 1992 the agreement on mutual fisheries' relations with the Republic of South Africa

(91/320/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Article 354 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas the agreement on mutual fisheries' relations between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the Republic of South Africa, signed on 9 April 1979, entered into force on the same day for an initial period of 10 years ; whereas this agreement stays in force for an indeterminate period if it is not denounced with 12 months' notice ;

Whereas Article 354 (2) of the Act of Accession lays down that the rights and obligations flowing, for the Portuguese Republic, from fisheries' agreements concluded with third countries shall not be affected during the period for which the provisions of such agreements are provisionally maintained ;

Whereas, pursuant to Article 354 (3) of the said Act, the Council is to adopt, before the expiry of fisheries' agreements concluded by the Portuguese Republic with third countries, the decisions appropriate for the continuation of fishing activities resulting therefrom, including the possibility of prolonging for periods not exceeding one year ;

Whereas, in order to avoid fishing by the Community vessels concerned being interrupted, the Republic of Portugal shall be authorized to renew the 1979 fisheries' agreement in question until 7 March 1992,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION :

Article 1

The Portuguese Republic is hereby authorized to extend until 7 March 1992 the agreement on mutual fisheries' relations with the Republic of South Africa which entered into force on 9 April 1979.

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Luxembourg, 20 June 1991.

For the Council

The President

R. GOEBBELS