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COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 459/2001

of 26 February 2001

on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out for the period from 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002 the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 37, in conjunction with Article 300(2) and the first subparagraph of Article 300(3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission [1],

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [2],

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola [3], the two Parties held negotiations to determine any amendments or additions to be made to the Agreement at the end of the period of application of the Protocol annexed thereto.

(2) As a result of these negotiations, a new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the above Agreement for the period from 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002 was initialled on 6 July 2000.

(3) It is in the Community's interest to approve the Protocol.

(4) The method of allocating the fishing opportunities among the Member States should be defined on the basis of the traditional allocation of fishing opportunities under the Fisheries Agreement,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Protocol setting out for the period 3 May 2000 to 2 May 2002 the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the People's Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached hereto.

Article 2

The fishing opportunities fixed in the Protocol shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

— shrimp vessels:
  — Spain: 6 550 gross registered tonnage (GRT) per month, averaged over the year, 22 vessels;

— demersal fishing vessels:
  — Spain: 1 650 GRT per month, averaged over the year,
  — Portugal: 1 000 GRT per month, averaged over the year,
  — Italy: 650 GRT per month, averaged over the year,
  — Greece: 450 GRT per month, averaged over the year;

— freezer tuna seiners:
  — France: 7 vessels,
  — Spain: 11 vessels;

— surface longliners:
  — Portugal: 5 vessels,
  — Spain: 20 vessels;

— pelagic fishing vessels:
  — Ireland: 2 vessels.

If licence applications from these Member States do not cover all the fishing opportunities fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may take into consideration licence applications from any other Member State.

[1] Proposal of 23 November 2000 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[2] Opinion delivered on 1 February 2001 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[3] OJ L 341, 3.12.1987, p. 2.

Article 3

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate the persons empowered to sign the Protocol in order to bind the Community.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 26 February 2001.

For the Council

The President

M. WINBERG