COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2329/2003

of 22 December 2003

on the conclusion of the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mozambique

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,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament [1],

Whereas:

(1) The Community and the Republic of Mozambique have negotiated and initialled a Fisheries Agreement providing Community fishermen with fishing opportunities in the waters over which Mozambique has sovereignty or jurisdiction in respect of fisheries.

(2) In addition, that Agreement provides for economic, financial, technical and scientific cooperation in the fisheries sector with a view to guaranteeing the conservation and sustainable exploitation of resources, as well as partnerships between undertakings aimed at developing in the common interest economic activities in the fisheries sector and related activities.

(3) That Agreement should be approved.

(4) The allocation of the fishing opportunities among the Member States should be defined,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Mozambique (hereinafter referred to as 'the Agreement') is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

The fishing opportunities set out in the Protocol to the Agreement shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

(a) demersal freezer trawlers designed to fish for deep-water shrimp:	— Spain	Total admissible catch (TAC) of 550 tonnes of deep-water shrimp (295 tonnes of by-catches, in accordance with the allocation by species provided for in the Protocol)
	— Greece	TAC of 150 tonnes of deep-water shrimp (80 tonnes of by-catches, in accordance with the allocation by species provided for in the Protocol)

[1] Opinion delivered on 4 December 2003 (not yet published in the Official Journal).