COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) No 2057/2002

of 11 November 2002

on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing rights and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola for the period from 3 May to 2 August 2002

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) The European Community and the Republic of Angola have entered into negotiations to determine any amendments or additions to be made to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola [3] at the end of the period of application of the Protocol annexed thereto.

(2) During the negotiations, the two Parties decided to extend the current Protocol for three months by means of an Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters initialled on 26 April 2002, pending the conclusion of the negotiations on the amendments to be made to the Protocol.

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

(4) The allocation of the fishing rights among the Member States under the expired Protocol should be confirmed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters concerning the extension of the Protocol setting out the fishing rights and the financial contribution provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Angola on fishing off Angola for the period from 3 May to 2 August 2002 is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Regulation [4].

Article 2

The fishing rights established pro rata temporis by Article 1 shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

— shrimp vessels:

  — Spain: 6 550 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 rights fixed by the Protocol, the Commission may consider licence applications from any other Member State.

Article 3

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

[1] Proposal of 10 July 2002 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[2] Opinion delivered on 22 October 2002 (not yet published in the Official Journal).
[3] OJ L 341, 3.12.1987, p. 2.
[4] See page 31 of this Official Journal.