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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,

Whereas:

(1) The Community and the Republic of Madagascar have negotiated and initialled a Fisheries Partnership Agreement providing Community fishermen with fishing opportunities in the waters falling within the sovereignty of the Republic of Madagascar.

(2) It is in the Community's interest to approve that Agreement.

(3) The method for allocating the fishing opportunities among the Member States should be defined,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Madagascar is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Agreement is attached to this Regulation[(1)].

Article 2

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

Fishing category	Type of vessel	Member State	Licences or quota
Tuna fishing	Freezer tuna seiners	Spain	23
		France	19
		Italy	1
Tuna fishing	Surface longliners over 100 GT	Spain	25
		France	13

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Regulation (EC) No 31/2008. (See end of Document for details)*

		Portugal	7
		United Kingdom	5
Tuna fishing	Surface longliners of 100 GT or below	France	26
Demersal fishing	Exploratory line or bottom longline fishing	France	5

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

Article 3

The Member States whose vessels fish under this Agreement shall notify the Commission of the quantities of each stock caught within Madagascar's fishing zone in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 500/2001 of 14 March 2001 laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 on the monitoring of catches taken by Community fishing vessels in third country waters and on the high seas[(2)].

Article 4

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

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

Done at Brussels, 15 November 2007.

For the Council

The President

M. L. RODRIGUES