

**PROTOCOL****setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of Côte d'Ivoire for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2013***Article 1***Period of application and fishing opportunities**

1. For a period of six years from 1 July 2007, the fishing opportunities granted under Article 5 of the Agreement shall be as follows:

highly migratory species (species listed in Annex 1 to the 1982 United Nations Convention):

— freezer tuna seiners: 25 vessels,

— surface longliners: 15 vessels.

2. Paragraph 1 shall apply subject to Articles 4 and 5 of this Protocol.

3. Vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Community may fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone only if they are in possession of a valid fishing licence issued by Côte d'Ivoire under this Protocol in accordance with the Annex hereto.

*Article 2***Financial contribution — methods of payment**

1. The financial contribution referred to in Article 7 of the Agreement shall comprise, for the period referred to in Article 1, an annual amount of EUR 455 000 equivalent to a reference tonnage of 7 000 tonnes per year and a specific amount of EUR 140 000 per year for the support and implementation of Côte d'Ivoire's sectoral fisheries policy. This specific amount shall be an integral part of the single financial contribution defined in Article 7 of the Agreement.

2. Paragraph 1 shall apply subject to Articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Protocol.

3. The Community shall pay the total amount fixed in paragraph 1, i.e. EUR 595 000, each year during the period of application of this Protocol.

4. If the overall quantity of catches by Community vessels in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zones exceeds the reference tonnage, the amount of the annual financial contribution shall be increased by EUR 65 for each additional tonne caught. However, the total annual amount paid by the Community shall not be more than twice the amount indicated in paragraph 3 (EUR 1 190 000). Where the quantities caught by Community vessels exceed the quantities corresponding to twice the total annual amount, the amount due for the quantity exceeding that limit shall be paid the following year.

5. Payment of the financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1 shall be made no later than 30 March 2008 in the first year and no later than 1 July in the following years.

6. Subject to Article 6, the Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall have full discretion regarding the use to which this financial contribution is put.

7. The financial contribution shall be paid into a single Côte d'Ivoire Public Treasury bank account.

*Article 3***Cooperation on responsible fishing — Scientific cooperation**

1. The Parties hereby undertake to promote responsible fishing in Côte d'Ivoire waters on the basis of the principles of non-discrimination between the different fleets fishing in those waters.

2. During the period covered by this Protocol, the Community and the Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall endeavour to monitor the evolution of resources in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.

3. The Parties undertake to promote cooperation at sub-regional level on responsible fishing and, in particular, within the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) or any other subregional or international organisation concerned.

4. In accordance with Article 4 of the Agreement and on the basis of the recommendations and resolutions adopted within the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), and in the light of the best available scientific advice, the Parties shall consult each other within the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement and adopt, where appropriate after a scientific meeting possibly at subregional level, and by mutual agreement, measures to ensure the sustainable management of fisheries resources affecting the activities of Community vessels.

#### Article 4

##### Review of fishing opportunities by mutual agreement

1. The fishing opportunities referred to in Article 1 may be increased by mutual agreement provided that the conclusions of the scientific meeting referred to in Article 3(4) confirm that such an increase will not endanger the sustainable management of Côte d'Ivoire's resources. In this case the financial contribution referred to in Article 2(1) shall be increased proportionately and *pro rata temporis*. However, the total amount of the financial contribution paid by the European Community in respect of the reference tonnage shall not be more than twice the amount of the financial contribution referred to in Article 2(1). Where the quantities caught annually by Community vessels are more than twice 7 000 tonnes (i.e. 14 000 tonnes), the amount due for the quantity exceeding that limit shall be paid the following year.

2. Conversely, if the Parties agree to adopt a reduction in the fishing opportunities provided for in Article 1, the financial contribution shall be reduced proportionately and *pro rata temporis*.

3. The allocation of the fishing opportunities among different categories of vessels may also be reviewed, following consultations and by mutual agreement between the Parties, provided that any changes comply with recommendations made by the scientific meeting referred to in Article 3(4) regarding the management of stocks liable to be affected by such redistribution. The Parties shall agree on the corresponding adjustment of the financial contribution where the redistribution of fishing opportunities so warrants.

#### Article 5

##### New and exploratory fishing opportunities

1. Should Community vessels be interested in fishing activities which are not indicated in Article 1, the Community shall consult Côte d'Ivoire in order to seek authorisation for these new activities. Where appropriate, the Parties shall agree

on the conditions applicable to these new fishing opportunities and, if necessary, make amendments to this Protocol and to the Annex hereto.

2. The Parties may carry out joint exploratory fishing trips in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zones, subject to an opinion by the scientific meeting provided for in Article 3(4). To this end, they shall hold consultations whenever one of the Parties so requests and determine, on a case-by-case basis, relevant new resources, conditions and other parameters.

3. The two Parties shall carry out exploratory fishing activities in accordance with scientific and administrative parameters adopted by mutual agreement. The authorisations for exploratory fishing shall be granted for test purposes, for a maximum of two six-month trips, from the date decided by mutual agreement between the two Parties.

4. Where the Parties conclude that the exploratory fishing trips have produced positive results, while preserving ecosystems and conserving living marine resources, new fishing opportunities may be awarded to Community vessels following the consultation procedure provided for in Article 4 of this Protocol and until the expiry of the Protocol and in accordance with the allowable effort. The financial contribution will be increased as a result.

#### Article 6

##### Suspension and review of the payment of the financial contribution in the event of unusual circumstances

1. Where unusual circumstances, other than natural phenomena, prevent fishing activities in Côte d'Ivoire's exclusive economic zone (EEZ), the European Community may suspend payment of the financial contribution provided for in Article 2(1). The suspension decision shall be taken following consultations between the two Parties within a period of two months following the request of one of the Parties, and provided that the Community has paid in full any amounts due at the time of suspension.

2. Payment of the financial contribution shall resume as soon as the Parties find, by mutual agreement following consultations, that the circumstances preventing fishing activities are no longer present and/or that the situation allows a resumption of fishing activities.

3. Where the validity of the licences granted to Community vessels is suspended along with the payment of the financial contribution, it shall be extended by a period equal to the period during which fishing activities were suspended.

#### Article 7

##### Promotion of responsible fishing in Côte d'Ivoire waters

1. One hundred percent of the total amount of the financial contribution fixed in Article 2 shall be allocated each year to the support and implementation of initiatives taken in the context of the sectoral fisheries policy drawn up by the Côte d'Ivoire Government.

Côte d'Ivoire shall manage the corresponding amount following the identification by mutual agreement between the two Parties, in accordance with the current priorities of Côte d'Ivoire's fisheries policy for ensuring sustainable and responsible management of the sector, of the objectives to be attained and the annual and multiannual programming required to attain them, pursuant to paragraph 2 below, in particular as regards monitoring and control, the management of resources, improving health and hygiene conditions in the production of fishery products and strengthening the monitoring capacity of the competent authorities.

2. On a proposal from Côte d'Ivoire and for the purposes of implementing the preceding paragraph, as soon as this Protocol enters into force and no later than three months after that date, the Community and Côte d'Ivoire shall agree, within the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement, on a multiannual sectoral programme and detailed implementing rules covering, in particular:

- (a) annual and multiannual guidelines for using the percentage of the financial contribution referred to in paragraph 1 and its specific amounts for the initiatives to be carried out each year;
- (b) the objectives, both annual and multiannual, to be achieved with a view to promoting responsible fishing and sustainable fisheries, taking account of the priorities expressed by Côte d'Ivoire in its national fisheries policy and other policies relating to or having an impact on the introduction of responsible fishing and sustainable fisheries;
- (c) criteria and procedures for evaluating the results obtained each year.

3. Any proposed amendments to the multiannual sectoral programme or of the use of the specific amounts for the initiatives to be carried out each year must be approved by both Parties within the Joint Committee.

4. Each year, Côte d'Ivoire shall allocate the share corresponding to the percentage referred to in paragraph 1 with a view to implementing the multiannual programme. For the first

year of application of the Protocol, that allocation must be notified to the Community at the time when the multiannual sectoral programme is approved within the Joint Committee. For each year thereafter, Côte d'Ivoire shall notify the Community of the allocation no later than 1 May of the previous year.

5. Where the annual evaluation of the progress made in implementing the multiannual sectoral programme so warrants, the European Community may ask for the amount for the support and implementation of Côte d'Ivoire's sectoral fisheries policy within the financial contribution referred to in Article 2(1) of this Protocol to be readjusted with a view to bringing the actual amount of financial resources allocated to implementation of the programme into line with its results.

#### Article 8

##### Disputes — suspension of application of the Protocol

1. Any dispute between the Parties over the interpretation of this Protocol or its application shall be the subject of consultations between the Parties within the Joint Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agreement, in a special meeting if necessary.

2. Without prejudice to Article 9, application of the Protocol may be suspended at the initiative of one Party if the dispute between the two Parties is deemed to be serious and if the consultations held within the Joint Committee under paragraph 1 have not resulted in an amicable settlement.

3. Suspension of application of the Protocol shall require the interested Party to notify its intention in writing at least three months before the date on which suspension is due to take effect.

4. In the event of suspension, the Parties shall continue to consult with a view to finding an amicable settlement to their dispute. As soon as an amicable settlement is reached, application of the Protocol shall resume and the amount of the financial contribution shall be reduced proportionately and *pro rata temporis* according to the period during which application of the Protocol was suspended.

#### Article 9

##### Suspension of application of the Protocol on grounds of non-payment

Subject to Article 6, if the Community fails to make the payments provided for in Article 2, application of this Protocol may be suspended on the following terms:

- (a) the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall notify the European Commission of the non-payment. The Commission shall carry out the requisite checks and, where necessary, transmit the payment within no more than 60 working days of the date of receipt of the notification;
- (b) if no payment is made and non-payment is not adequately justified within the period provided for in Article 2(5) of this Protocol, the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall be entitled to suspend application of the Protocol. They shall inform the European Commission of such action forthwith;
- (c) application of the Protocol shall resume as soon as the payment concerned has been made.

*Article 10*

**National law**

The activities of Community vessels operating in Côte d'Ivoire waters shall be governed by the applicable law in Côte d'Ivoire, unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, this Protocol and the Annex and Appendices hereto.

*Article 11*

**Review clause**

Following the third anniversary of this Protocol and the Annex thereto, the Parties shall review the application of the Protocol and the Annex thereto and, where appropriate, consult each other within the Joint Committee on any amendments of their provisions. Any such amendments may include the reference tonnage and the standard amounts paid for licences.

*Article 12*

**Repeal**

The Annex to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire on fishing off the coast of Côte d'Ivoire is hereby repealed and replaced by the Annex to this Protocol.

*Article 13*

**Entry into force**

1. This Protocol with its Annex shall enter into force on the date on which the Parties notify each other of the completion of the procedures necessary for that purpose.
2. They shall apply with effect from 1 July 2007.

## ANNEX

**CONDITIONS GOVERNING FISHING ACTIVITIES BY COMMUNITY VESSELS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE'S FISHING ZONE**

## CHAPTER I

**Application for and issue of licences**

## SECTION 1

**Issue of licences**

1. Only eligible vessels may obtain a licence to fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.
2. For a vessel to be eligible, neither the owner, the master nor the vessel itself must be prohibited from fishing in Côte d'Ivoire. They must be in order vis-à-vis the Côte d'Ivoire authorities insofar as they must have fulfilled all prior obligations arising from their fishing activities in Côte d'Ivoire under fisheries agreements concluded with the Community.
3. The relevant Community authorities shall submit (by electronic means) to the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire an application for each vessel wishing to fish or assist in fishing activities under the Agreement at least 30 working days before the date of commencement of the period of validity requested.
4. Applications shall be submitted to the Ministry responsible for fisheries on a form drawn up in accordance with the specimen in Appendix I. The Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall take all the necessary steps to ensure that the data received as part of the licence application are treated as confidential. This data will be used exclusively in the context of the implementation of the Fisheries Agreement.
5. All licence applications shall be accompanied by the following documents:
  - proof of payment of the flat-rate advance for the period of validity of the licence,
  - any other documents or certificates required under the specific rules applicable to the type of vessel concerned pursuant to this Protocol.
6. The fee shall be paid into the account specified by the Côte d'Ivoire authorities in accordance with Article 2(7) of the Protocol.
7. The fees shall include all national and local charges with the exception of port taxes and service charges.
8. Licences for all vessels shall be issued to shipowners or their representatives via the Delegation of the European Commission to Côte d'Ivoire within 15 working days of receipt of all the documents referred to in point 6 by the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire.
9. Licences shall be issued for a specific vessel and shall not be transferable.
10. However, at the request of the European Community and where *force majeure* is proven, a vessel's licence shall be replaced by a new licence for another vessel of the same category as the first vessel, as referred to in Article 1 of the Protocol, with no further fee due. In this case, the calculation of the catch levels to determine whether an additional payment should be made shall take account of the sum of the total catches of the two vessels.
11. The owner of the first vessel, or his or her representative, shall return the cancelled licence to the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire via the Delegation of the European Commission.

12. The new licence shall take effect on the day that the vessel's owner returns the cancelled licence to the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire. The Delegation of the European Commission to Côte d'Ivoire shall be informed of the licence transfer.
13. The licence must be held on board at all times. The European Community shall keep an up-to-date draft list of the vessels for which a fishing licence has been applied for under this Protocol. This draft shall be notified to the Côte d'Ivoire authorities as soon as it is drawn up, and then each time it is updated. On receipt of this draft list and of notification of payment of the advance sent to the coastal State authorities by the Commission, the vessel shall be entered by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authority on a list of vessels authorised to fish, which shall be notified to the authorities responsible for fisheries inspection. In this case, a certified copy of this list shall be sent to the shipowner and kept on board instead of the fishing licence until the licence has been issued.
14. The two Parties shall seek agreement for the purposes of promoting the introduction of a licence system based exclusively on the electronic exchange of all the information and documents described above. The two Parties shall seek agreement for the purposes of promoting the rapid replacement of the paper licence by an electronic equivalent such as the list of vessels authorised to fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.

## SECTION 2

### *Licence conditions — Fees and advance payments*

1. Licences shall be valid for a period of one year. They shall be renewable.
2. The fee shall be EUR 35 per tonne caught within Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone in the case of tuna seiners and surface longliners.
3. Licences shall be issued once the following standard amounts have been paid to the competent national authorities:
  - EUR 3 850 per tuna seiner, equivalent to the fees due for 110 tonnes per year,
  - EUR 1 400 per surface longliner, equivalent to the fees due for 40 tonnes per year.
4. Member States shall inform the European Commission not later than 15 June each year of the tonnages caught during the past year, as confirmed by the scientific institutes referred to in point 5 below.
5. The final statement of the fees due for year  $n$  shall be drawn up by the European Commission by 31 July of year  $n + 1$  at the latest on the basis of the catch declarations made by each shipowner and confirmed by the scientific institutes responsible for verifying catch data in the Member States, such as the *Institut de Recherche pour le Développement* (IRD), the *Instituto Español de Oceanografía* (IEO), the *Instituto Português de Investigaçao Maritima* (IPIMAR) and the Côte d'Ivoire *Centre de Recherches Océanologiques* (CRO). It shall be sent via the Delegation of the European Commission.
6. This statement shall be sent simultaneously to the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire and to the shipowners.
7. Any additional payments (for quantities caught in excess of 110 tonnes for tuna seiners and 40 tonnes for longliners) shall be made by the shipowners to the competent Côte d'Ivoire national authorities by 31 August of year  $n + 1$ , into the account referred to in point 6 of Section 1 of this Chapter, on the basis of EUR 35 per tonne.
8. However, if the amount of the final statement is lower than the advance referred to in point 3 of this Section, the resulting balance shall not be reimbursable to the shipowner.

## CHAPTER II

**Fishing zones**

1. Community vessels may carry out fishing activities in waters beyond 12 nautical miles from the base lines in the case of tuna seiners and surface longliners.

## CHAPTER III

**Catch reporting arrangements**

1. For the purposes of this Annex, the duration of a trip by a Community vessel in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone shall be defined as follows:

— the period elapsing between entering and leaving Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone,

— or the period elapsing between entering Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and a transshipment and/or a landing in Côte d'Ivoire.

2. All vessels authorised to fish in Côte d'Ivoire waters under the Agreement shall be obliged to notify their catches to the Ministry responsible for fisheries in Côte d'Ivoire so that it can check the quantities caught, which shall be validated by the competent scientific institutes in accordance with the procedure referred to in point 4 of Section 2 of Chapter I of this Annex. Catches shall be notified as follows:

- 2.1. During an annual period of validity of the licence within the meaning of Section 2 of Chapter I of this Annex, declarations shall include the catches made by the vessel during each trip. The original of the declarations shall be transmitted on a physical medium to the Côte d'Ivoire Ministry responsible for fisheries within 45 days following the end of the last trip made during the period. These notifications shall also be made by fax (225 21 35 04 09 or 225 21 35 63 15) or e-mail.

- 2.2. Vessels shall declare their catches on the corresponding form in the logbook, in accordance with the specimen in Appendix 2. The words 'Outside Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone' shall be entered in the logbook in respect of periods during which the vessel is not in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.

- 2.3. The forms shall be filled in legibly and signed by the master of the vessel or by his or her legal representative.

- 2.4. Catch declarations shall be reliable in order to contribute to the monitoring of the evolution of stocks.

3. Where the provisions set out in this Chapter are not complied with, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire reserves the right to suspend the licence of the offending vessel until formalities have been completed and to apply to the shipowner the penalty laid down in current Côte d'Ivoire legislation. The European Commission and the flag Member State shall be informed thereof.

4. The two Parties shall seek agreement for the purposes of promoting a catch reporting system based exclusively on the electronic exchange of all the information and documents described above. The two Parties shall seek agreement for the purposes of promoting the rapid replacement of the written declaration (logbook) by an equivalent in the form of an electronic file.

## CHAPTER IV

**Embarking seamen**

1. Owners of tuna seiners and surface longliners shall employ ACP nationals, subject to the following conditions and limits:

— for the fleet of tuna seiners, at least 20 % of the seamen signed on during the tuna-fishing season in the fishing zone of the third country shall be of ACP origin,

- for the fleet of surface longliners, at least 20 % of the seamen signed on during the fishing season in the fishing zone of the third country shall be of ACP origin.
2. Shipowners shall endeavour to sign on additional seamen of ACP origin.
  3. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work shall apply as of right to seamen signed on by Community vessels. This concerns in particular the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, and the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.
  4. The employment contracts of ACP seamen shall be drawn up between the shipowners' representative(s) and the seamen and/or their trade unions or representatives. A copy of these contracts shall be given to the signatories. These contracts shall guarantee the seamen the social security cover applicable to them, including life assurance and sickness and accident insurance.
  5. The wages of the ACP seamen shall be paid by the shipowners. They shall be fixed by mutual agreement among the shipowners or their representatives and the seamen and/or their trade unions or representatives. However, the wage conditions granted to ACP seamen shall not be lower than those applied to crews from their respective countries and shall under no circumstances be below ILO standards.
  6. All seamen employed aboard Community vessels shall report to the master of the vessel designated on the day before their proposed embarkation date. Where a seaman fails to report at the date and time agreed for embarkation, shipowners shall be automatically absolved of their obligation to take the seaman on board.

#### CHAPTER V

##### Technical measures

Vessels shall comply with the measures and recommendations adopted by ICCAT in the region regarding fishing gear and the technical specifications thereof and all other technical measures applicable to their fishing activities.

#### CHAPTER VI

##### Observers

1. Vessels authorised to fish in Côte d'Ivoire waters under the Agreement shall take on board observers appointed by the competent regional fisheries organisation on the terms set out below.
  - 1.1. At the request of the competent authority, Community vessels shall take on board an observer designated by the authority in order to check catches made in Côte d'Ivoire waters.
  - 1.2. The competent authority shall draw up a list of vessels designated to take an observer on board and a list of the appointed observers. These lists shall be kept up to date. They shall be forwarded to the European Commission as soon as they have been drawn up and every three months thereafter where they have been updated.
  - 1.3. The competent authority shall inform the shipowners concerned, or their representatives, of the name of the observer appointed to be taken on board their vessel at the time the licence is issued, or no later than 15 days before the observer's planned embarkation date.
2. The time spent on board by observers shall be one fishing trip. However, at the express request of the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities, this embarkation may be spread over several trips according to the average duration of trip for a particular vessel. This request shall be made by the competent authority when the name of the observer appointed to board the vessel in question is notified.
3. The conditions under which observers are taken on board shall be agreed between shipowners or their representatives and the competent authority.

4. Observers shall be taken on board at a port chosen by the shipowner at the beginning of the first voyage in Côte d'Ivoire waters after notification of the list of designated vessels.
5. Within two weeks and giving ten days' notice, the shipowners concerned shall make known at which ports in the subregion and on what dates they intend to take observers on board.
6. Where observers are taken on board in a country outside the subregion, their travel costs shall be borne by the shipowner. Should a vessel with a regional observer on board leave the regional fishing zone, all measures must be taken to ensure the observer's return as soon as possible at the expense of the shipowner.
7. If the observer is not present at the time and place agreed or within the twelve hours following the time agreed, shipowners shall be automatically absolved of their obligation to take the observer on board.
8. Observers shall be treated as officers. Where vessels are operating in Côte d'Ivoire waters, they shall carry out the following tasks:
  - 8.1. observe the fishing activities of the vessels;
  - 8.2. verify the position of vessels engaged in fishing operations;
  - 8.3. perform biological sampling in the context of scientific programmes;
  - 8.4. note the fishing gear used;
  - 8.5. verify the catch data for Côte d'Ivoire waters recorded in the logbook;
  - 8.6. verify the percentages of by-catches and estimate the quantity of discards of species of marketable fish;
  - 8.7. report by any appropriate means fishing data, including the quantity of catches and by-catches on board, to their competent authority.
9. Masters shall do everything in their power to ensure the physical safety and welfare of observers during performance of their duties.
10. Observers shall be offered every facility needed to carry out their duties. The master shall give them access to the means of communication needed for the discharge of their duties, to documents directly concerned with the vessel's fishing activities, including in particular the logbook and the navigation log, and to those parts of the vessel necessary to facilitate the exercise of their tasks as observer.
11. While on board, observers shall:
  - 11.1. take all appropriate steps to ensure that the conditions of their boarding and presence on the vessel neither interrupt nor hamper fishing operations,
  - 11.2. respect the material and equipment on board and the confidentiality of all documents belonging to the vessel.
12. At the end of the observation period and before leaving the vessel, observers shall draw up an activity report to be transmitted to the competent authorities, with a copy to the European Commission. They shall sign it in the presence of the master, who may add or cause to be added to it any observations considered relevant, followed by the master's signature. A copy of the report shall be handed to the master when the scientific observer is put ashore.

13. Shipowners shall bear the cost of accommodating observers in the same conditions as the officers, within the confines of the practical possibilities offered by the vessel.
14. The salary and social contributions of the observer shall be borne by the competent authorities.
15. The two Parties shall consult each other, and interested third parties, as soon as possible as regards the definition of a system of regional observers and the choice of the competent regional fisheries organisation. Pending the implementation of a system of regional observers, vessels authorised to fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone under the Agreement shall take on board, instead of regional observers, observers designated by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities in accordance with the rules set out above.

## CHAPTER VII

### Monitoring

1. In accordance with point 13 of Section 1 of Chapter I of this Annex, the European Community shall keep an up-to-date list of the vessels to which a fishing licence has been issued under this Protocol. This list shall be notified to the Côte d'Ivoire authorities responsible for fisheries inspection as soon as it is drawn up and each time it is updated.
2. On receipt of this draft list and of notification of payment of the advance (referred to in point 3 of Section 2 of Chapter I of this Annex) sent to the coastal State authorities by the European Commission, the vessel shall be entered by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authority on a list of vessels authorised to fish, which shall be sent to the authorities responsible for fisheries inspection. In this case, a certified copy of this list shall be sent to the shipowner and kept on board instead of the fishing licence until the licence has been issued.
3. *Entering and leaving the zone*
  - 3.1. At least three hours in advance Community vessels shall notify the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities responsible for fisheries inspection of their intention to enter or leave Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone; they shall also declare the overall quantities and the species on board.
  - 3.2. When notifying leaving, vessels shall also communicate their position. This information should preferably be communicated by fax (225 21 35 04 09 or 225 21 35 63 15) or e-mail ([...]) or, for vessels not equipped with a fax or e-mail, by radio (call sign: [...]).
  - 3.3. Vessels found to be fishing without having informed the competent Côte d'Ivoire authority shall be regarded as vessels in breach of the rules.
  - 3.4. Vessels shall also be informed of the fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address when the fishing licence is issued.
4. *Control procedures*
  - 4.1. Masters of Community fishing vessels engaged in fishing activities in Côte d'Ivoire waters shall allow and facilitate boarding and the discharge of their duties by any Côte d'Ivoire official responsible for the inspection and control of fishing activities.
  - 4.2. These officials shall not remain on board for longer than is necessary for the discharge of their duties.
  - 4.3. Once the inspection and control has been completed, a certificate shall be issued to the master of the vessel.

5. *Satellite monitoring*
  - 5.1. All Community vessels fishing under this Agreement shall be subject to satellite monitoring in line with Appendix 3. These provisions shall enter into force on the tenth day following notification by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire to the Delegation of the European Commission to Côte d'Ivoire of the entry into operation of the Côte d'Ivoire Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC).
6. *Boarding*
  - 6.1. The competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities shall inform the flag State and the European Commission, within no more than 36 hours, of all boardings of and penalties imposed on Community vessels in Côte d'Ivoire waters.
  - 6.2. The flag State and the European Commission shall at the same time receive a brief report of the circumstances and reasons leading to the boarding.
7. *Statement of boarding*
  - 7.1. After the competent Côte d'Ivoire authority has drawn up a statement, the master of the vessel shall sign it.
  - 7.2. This signature shall not prejudice the rights of the master or any defence which he or she may make to the alleged infringement. If the master refuses to sign this document, he or she shall specify the reasons for doing so in writing and the inspector shall write 'refusal to sign' on it.
  - 7.3. The master shall take the vessel to the port indicated by the Côte d'Ivoire authorities. In the case of minor infringements, the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities may authorise the boarded vessel to continue fishing.
8. *Consultation meeting in the event of boarding*
  - 8.1. Before any measures regarding the master or the crew of the vessel or any action regarding the cargo and equipment of the vessel are considered, other than those to safeguard evidence relating to the presumed infringement, a consultation meeting shall be held, within one working day of the receipt of the above information, between the European Commission and the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities, possibly attended by a representative of the Member State concerned.
  - 8.2. At the meeting, the Parties shall exchange any relevant documentation or information helping to clarify the circumstances of the established facts. The shipowner or his or her representative shall be informed of the outcome of the meeting and of any measures resulting from the boarding.
9. *Settlement of boarding*
  - 9.1. Before any judicial procedure, an attempt shall be made to resolve the presumed infringement through a compromise procedure. This procedure shall end no later than three working days after the boarding.
  - 9.2. In the event of an amicable settlement, the amount of the fine shall be determined in accordance with Côte d'Ivoire legislation.
  - 9.3. If the case cannot be settled by amicable procedure and has to be brought before a competent judicial body, a bank security set to take account of the boarding costs and the fines and compensation payable by the parties responsible for the infringement shall be lodged by the shipowner with a bank specified by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities.
  - 9.4. The bank security shall be irrevocable until the legal proceedings have been concluded. It shall be released once legal proceedings end without a conviction. Similarly, in the event of a conviction leading to a fine of less than the security lodged, the balance shall be released by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities.
  - 9.5. The vessel shall be released and its crew authorised to leave the port:
    - once the obligations arising under the amicable settlement have been fulfilled, or,
    - when the bank security referred to in point 9.3 has been lodged and accepted by the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities, pending completion of the legal proceedings.

10. *Transshipment*

10.1. All Community vessels wishing to tranship catches in Côte d'Ivoire waters shall do so in or off Côte d'Ivoire ports.

10.2. The owners of such vessels must notify the following information to the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities at least 24 hours in advance:

- the names of the transshipping fishing vessels,
- the names, OMI numbers and flag of the cargo vessels,
- the tonnage by species to be transhipped,
- the day and place of transshipment.

10.3. Transshipment shall be considered as an exit from Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone. Masters of vessels must submit their catch declarations to the competent Côte d'Ivoire authorities and state whether they intend to continue fishing or leave Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.

10.4. Any transshipment of catches not covered above shall be prohibited in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone. Any person infringing this provision shall be liable to the penalties provided for by Côte d'Ivoire law.

11. Masters of Community fishing vessels engaged in landing or transshipment operations in a Côte d'Ivoire port shall allow and facilitate the inspection of such operations by Côte d'Ivoire inspectors. Once the inspection has been completed in the port, a certificate shall be issued to the master of the vessel.

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*Appendices*

1. Licence application form
2. ICCAT logbook
3. Provisions applicable to the satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) and coordinates of Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone

*Appendix 1*

MINISTÈRE DE LA PRODUCTION ANIMALE  
BP V 84 Abidjan  
(République de Côte-d'Ivoire)

RÉPUBLIQUE DE CÔTE-D'IVOIRE  
UNION-DISCIPLINE-TRAVAIL

**APPLICATION FOR A FISHING LICENCE**

## SECTION A

1. Name of shipowner:

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2. Nationality of shipowner:

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3. Business address of shipowner:

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## SECTION B

(to be completed for each vessel)

1. Period of validity:

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2. Name of vessel:

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3. Year of construction:

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4. Flag of origin:

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5. Current flag:

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6. Date on which current flag was acquired:

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7. Year of purchase:

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8. Home port and registration number:

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9. Areas of operation:

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10. Type of fishing:

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11. Gross tonnage (GRT):

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12. Net tonnage (NRT):

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13. Radio call sign:

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14. Length overall (metres):

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29. Auxiliary boats used (for each vessel):  
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29.1. Gross tonnage:  
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29.2. Length overall (metres):  
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29.3. Stem (metres):  
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29.4. Depth (metres):  
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29.5. Hull construction material:  
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29.6. Engine power:  
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29.7. Speed (knots):  
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30. Auxiliary aerial equipment used to detect fish (even if not installed on board):  
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31. Home port:  
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32. Name of captain:  
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33. Address:  
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34. Nationality of captain:  
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Attach:

- three colour photocopies showing vessel (side view), auxiliary fishing boats and auxiliary aerial equipment used to detect fish,
- an illustration and detailed description of the fishing gear used,
- a document proving that the representative of the shipowner is empowered to sign this application.

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(Date of application)

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(Signature of representative of shipowner)







*Appendix 3*

The two Parties shall consult each other at a later stage within the Joint Committee to lay down the provisions applicable to the satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) and the coordinates of Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone.

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