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## COUNCIL

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 December 1986

authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend, from 6 January 1987 to 5 January 1988, the fisheries cooperation agreement concluded with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania

(86/640/EEC)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Spain and Portugal, and in particular Article 354 (3) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas on 6 January 1984 the Government of the Portuguese Republic signed a fisheries cooperation agreement with the government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania covering a period of three years; whereas that agreement is tacitly renewable for further periods of one year;

Whereas Article 354 (2) of the Act of Accession lays down that the rights and obligations flowing, for the Portuguese Republic, from fisheries agreements concluded with third countries shall not be affected during the period for which the provisions of such agreements are provisionally maintained;

Whereas, under Article 354 (3) of the said Act, the Council is to adopt, before the expiry of fisheries agreements concluded by Portugal with third countries, the decisions appropriate for the continuation of fishing activities resulting therefrom, including the possibility of prolonging them;

Whereas, pending the conclusion of a fisheries agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, it is in the interest of the Community to authorize the Portuguese Republic to renew the said cooperation agreement for a further one year, in order to avoid fishing by the Community vessels concerned being interrupted,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The Portuguese Republic is authorized to extend, from 6 January 1987 to 5 January 1988, the fisheries cooperation agreement concluded on 6 January 1984 with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1986.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. SHAW