

## COUNCIL DECISION

of 22 December 1986

authorizing the Portuguese Republic to extend, from 4 January 1987 to 3 January 1988, the sea fisheries agreement concluded with the Kingdom of Morocco

(86/641/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 the sea fisheries agreement between the Government of the Portuguese Republic and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco, signed on 26 March 1976, entered into force on 4 January 1978 for a period of five years; whereas this agreement will remain in force for supplementary periods of one year, unless denounced no later than three months before the expiry date of each such period, and whereas this agreement has been extended until 7 January 1987;

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 the Portuguese Republic 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 Kingdom of Morocco, it is in the interest of the Community to authorize the Portuguese Republic to renew the agreement in question 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 hereby authorized to extend, from 4 January 1987 to 3 January 1988, the sea fisheries agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco which entered into force on 4 January 1978.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Portuguese Republic.

Done at Brussels, 22 December 1986.

*For the Council*

*The President*

G. SHAW