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Proposal for a

COUNCIL REGULATION (EC)

on the conclusion of the Third Protocol laying down the conditions related to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland on the other hand

(presented by the Commission)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The Second Fisheries Protocol, in the framework of the Fisheries Agreement between the European Community and Greenland, is due to expire on 31 December 1994.

The implementation of the Second Protocol has not been fully satisfactory for Community fishermen. Only a relatively small proportion of the fishing possibilities available under this Protocol have been utilized, due in some cases to the poor state of the stocks and, in other cases, to the lack of interest shown by Community fishermen in some of the fishing possibilities available to them.

As a result, the Council identified the need to improve the cost/benefit ratio of this Agreement, mainly through the revision of the fishing quotas available, bringing them more in line with the state of resources and the interests of Community fishermen, but also through the introduction of joint ventures and other types of associations.

The Third Protocol improves the real fishing possibilities in terms of the amount of quotas available and, through the introduction of some mechanisms to flexibilize the catch, of the most important species: cod and shrimp.

In addition, the introduction of joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures is intended to support the further development of the fisheries sectors in both parties.

The Council is therefore requested to adopt this Regulation and the attached Protocol.

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on the conclusion of the Third Protocol laying down the conditions related to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland on the other hand

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community, and in particular Article 43 thereof, in connection with Article 228, paragraph 3, first subparagraph.

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Parliament,

Whereas, pursuant to Article 14 of the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland on the other⁽¹⁾, the parties have negotiated a Third Protocol laying down the conditions relating to fishing provided for in the said Agreement, intended to come into force at the end of the period of application of the Second Protocol;

Whereas, with a view to increasing cooperation and development of the fisheries sector in this framework, the parties have agreed to include joint ventures and other types of associations for the development of new fisheries in Greenland waters;

Whereas, as a result of the negotiations, this new Protocol was initialled on 1 July 1994,

Whereas it is in the Community's interest to approve the said protocol,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Third Protocol, laying down the conditions relating to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland on the other, is hereby approved on behalf of the Community.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Regulation.

Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorized to designate the persons empowered to sign the Protocol in order to bind the Community.

⁽¹⁾ O. J. L 29, 1. 2. 1985, p. 8.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the next day following that of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;

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

Done at Brussels, ... 1994.

For the Council
The President

THIRD PROTOCOL

laying down the conditions relating to fishing provided for the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other

The European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other,

Having regard to the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

1. This Protocol shall apply to fishing activities from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000.

2. The quotas referred to in Article 2 of the Agreement shall be fixed at the following quantities for each year:

Species	Western stock (NAFO 0/1)	Eastern stock (ICES XIV/V)
Cod	31,000 (3)	
Redfish	5,500	46,820 (1)
Greenland halibut	1,350	4,650
Shrimp	-	4,525
Halibut	200 (6)	200 (6)
Catfish	1,000	1,000
Blue whiting	-	30,000
Capelin		(2)
Roundnose grenadier	1,350	4,650
Roundnose grenadier	2,000 (3) (4)	
Polar cod	2,000 (3) (5)	

(1) Of which a maximum of 20,000 tonnes may be fished by pelagic trawl. Catches from the bottom trawl fishery and the pelagic trawl fishery shall be reported separately.

(2) 70% of the Greenland share of the capelin TAC minus 10,000 tonnes to the Faroe Islands.

(3) May be fished West or East.

(4) Experimental fishery in 1995 and 1996, to be conducted at depths greater than 1,500 metres. The maximum bycatch of Greenland halibut will be 40% and will be counted against this quota. An evaluation of the conduct of this fishery will be made after two years to determine the extent which this can be conducted as a clean fishery.

(5) To be fished only by pelagic trawl or longline. A by-catch of up to 10% excluding shrimp and Greenland halibut will be admitted in this fishery. This by-catch will be counted against the quota.

(6) If bycatches by Community vessels of Atlantic halibut in trawl cod and redfish fisheries would imply overruns of Community quotas of Atlantic halibut, the Greenland authorities will provide solutions to the effect that Community cod and redfish fisheries nevertheless can continue until the cod and redfish quotas have been exhausted.

3. The quota for shrimp in East Greenland may be fished in areas West of Greenland provided that arrangements for quota transfers between shipowners from Greenland and the Community have been established on a company-to-company basis. The Greenland Home Rule

Government shall undertake to facilitate such arrangements. The transfers of quotas can only take place within a maximum of 1,000 tonnes annually in areas of West Greenland. The fishery carried out by the Community vessels shall take place on the same conditions as laid down in the licence issued to the Greenlandic shipowner.

4. During the period covering the present Protocol the Greenland Home Rule Government agrees to offer to the European Community, in addition to the quotas specified in Article 1.2, additional catch possibilities for cod, without additional financial compensation, amounting to 20% of the unused Community quotas in the previous period covered by this Protocol on the following terms and conditions:

- the additional catch possibilities for cod are calculated on the basis of the difference between the Community quota and the actual catch for years where the actual catch is less than 75% of the yearly quota specified in Article 1.2 of this Protocol;
- the additional catch possibilities shall be, for each year, as a maximum the equivalent to a third of the difference between the Total Allowable Catch in Greenland waters and the combined quotas laid down in Article 1.2 and Article 2 of this Protocol, the rest being available for disposal in accordance with the Agreement;
- the additional catch possibilities for cod, as calculated above, will correspondingly reduce the amount of cod Greenland is obliged to offer to the Community in accordance with Article 8.2 of the Agreement.

5. In addition to the quantities fixed in paragraph 2, Greenland shall each year contribute the following quantities of the following species towards establishing the balance of the reciprocal fishing possibilities laid down between the Community and the Faroe Islands in accordance with their fisheries agreement:

Species (NAFO 0/1)	Western stock	Eastern stock (ICES XIV/V)
Shrimp	-	1,150
Greenland halibut	150	150
Redfish	-	500(1)
Capelin	-	10,000

(1) catches from the bottom trawl fishery and the pelagic trawl fishery shall be reported separately.

Article 2

The quantities referred to in the first paragraph of Article 7 of the Agreement are hereby set at the following levels each year:

(tonnes)

Species	Western stock (NAFO 0/1)	Eastern stock (ICES XIV/V)
Cod	52,250 (1)	
Redfish	2,500	5,000
Greenland halibut	4,700	-
Shrimp	25,000	1,500
Catfish	4,000	-

(1) May be fished West or East.

Article 3

For the purpose of Article ...¹ of the Agreement the following definition shall apply:

Temporary joint venture means any association based on a contractual agreement of limited duration between Community shipowners and physical or legal persons in Greenland, with the aim of jointly fishing for and exploiting Greenland fishing quotas by vessels flying the flag of a Member State of the European Community and sharing the cost profits or losses of the economic activity jointly undertaken, with a view to the priority supply of the Community market.

Joint enterprises means any company regulated by Greenland law comprising one or more Community shipowners and one or more partners in Greenland, with the aim of fishing for and possibly exploiting Greenland fishing quotas in the waters under the sovereignty and/or jurisdiction of Greenland by vessels flying the flag of Greenland with a view to the priority supply of the Community market.

Article 4

The Parties shall select the projects for the temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises provided for in Article 3. The projects shall be selected in accordance with the methods and criteria set out in Annex I.

Article 5

In order to encourage the establishment of temporary joint ventures referred to in Article 3, the projects selected by the Parties shall be eligible for financial assistance in accordance with the conditions laid down in Annex II.

Article 6

In order to encourage the establishment of joint enterprises referred to in Article 3, the projects selected by the Parties shall be

¹ New Article to be added to the Agreement.

eligible for financial assistance in accordance with conditions laid down in Annex III.

Article 7

A Joint Committee shall be set up to oversee the application of Articles 4, 5 and 6 of this Protocol. The duty of this Committee shall be, in particular, to:

- evaluate the projects presented by the Parties for the establishment of temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises provided for in Article 3, in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex IV;
- check that the projects are being properly administered and oversee the use of the financial support given to projects in accordance with Articles 5 and 6;
- review the activities of Community vessels belonging to temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises in Greenland waters before the end of their contract.

The Joint Committee shall meet once a year, alternatively in Greenland and Brussels, and exceptionally at the request of either Party.

Article 8

The conditions governing the creation and access to resources of temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises are laid down in Annex IV.

Article 9

1. The financial compensation referred to in Article 6 of the Agreement shall, during the period of validity of this Protocol, be fixed at 37,700,000 ecus payable annually at the beginning of each fishing year.
2. The compensation shall be adjusted during the course of each fishing year in proportion, calculated on the basis of cod equivalents, to the supplementary quota allocated to the Community under Article 8 of the Agreement.
3. The procedure to be followed as regards the allocation of supplementary catch possibilities under Article 8 of the Agreement is set out in Annex V.

Article 10

For the purpose of financial assistance to the establishment of temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises referred to in Articles 5 and 6, the European Commission shall contribute 6,000,000 ecus for the duration of the Protocol.

Article 11

Failure to implement the commitments laid down in this Protocol may, without prejudice to the provisions of Article 7 and 10² of the Agreement, entail a corresponding reduction in the commitments referred to in Articles 1 and 9 of this Protocol.

Article 12

This Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature. It shall apply from 1 January 1995. The Parties shall notify each other on the completion of the procedures necessary for this purpose.

Article 13

This Protocol shall be drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish language, each text being equally authentic.

² Article numbers refer to the Agreement as presently drafted.

Annex I. Methods and criteria for project selection.

1. The Parties shall exchange information on the projects presented for the formation of temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises according to Article 4 of this Protocol which are liable to receive financial aid from the Community.

2. The projects shall be presented to the Community via the competent authorities of the Member State or Member States concerned.

3. The Community shall submit to the Joint Committee the list of projects eligible for financial assistance as provided for in Articles 5 and 6 of this Protocol. The Joint Committee shall evaluate the projects in accordance basically with the following criteria:

- (a) technology appropriate to the proposed fishing operations;
- (b) target species and fishing zones;
- (c) age of the vessel;
- (d) in case of temporary joint ventures, its total duration and that of the fishing operations;
- (e) previous experience of the Community shipowner and any Greenlandic partner in the fisheries sector.

4. The Joint Committee shall recommend to the Parties the projects selected in accordance with the criteria set out in point 3.

5. Once the projects have been approved by the Greenland Authority and the Community, the Community shall forward to the Greenland Authority the list of selected projects for the purpose of issuing the necessary authorizations and fishing licences.

Annex II. Scales of assistance to temporary joint ventures.

Category of vessel, by Gross Registered Tonnage (GRT))	Maximum amount (ecus/day)
0 < 25	4.52/GRT + 20
25 < 50	4.30/GRT + 25
50 < 70	3.50/GRT + 65
70 < 100	3.12/GRT + 88
100 < 200	2.74/GRT + 120
200 < 300	2.36/GRT + 177
300 < 500	2.05/GRT + 254
500 < 1,000	1.76/GRT + 372
1,000 < 1,500	1.50/GRT + 565
1,500 < 2,000	1.34/GRT + 764
2,000 < 2,500	1.23/GRT + 956
2,500 or more	1.15/GRT + 1,137

Member States of the European Community shall contribute 25% of the above mentioned sums to projects involving vessels flying the flag of the Member State concerned.

Annex III. Scales of assistance to joint enterprises.

Class of vessel by gross registered tonnage (GRT)	Maximum amount of premium for a 15-year-old vessel (in ecus)
0 < 25	6,215/GRT
25 < 50	5,085/GRT + 28,250
50 < 100	4,520/GRT + 56,500
100 < 400	2,260/GRT + 282,500
400 and over	1,130/BRT + 734,500

The premiums for setting up joint enterprises paid to beneficiaries may not exceed the following amounts:

- 15 year-old vessels: see table above,
- vessels less than 15 years old: scale from table increased by 1,5% per year less than 15,
- vessels more than 15 years old: scale from table decreased by 1,5% per year over 15.

Member States of the European Community shall contribute 25% of the above mentioned sums to projects involving vessels reflagging from the Member State concerned to Greenland.

Annex IV

laying down the conditions governing the creation and access to resources of temporary joint ventures and joint enterprises in Greenland.

A. Selected projects.

Once the project selection procedure laid down in Annex I to this Protocol has been completed, the Community shall provide the Greenland Authority with a list of Community vessels selected for inclusion in a temporary joint venture or joint enterprises with a view to the exercise of fishing activities.

B. Licences.

The Greenland authority shall promptly issue a fishing licence. The fishing licences shall be issued for a period of validity equal to the duration of the temporary joint ventures. Fishing shall take place on quotas allocated by the Greenland Authority.

C. Replacement of vessels.

A Community vessel operating under a temporary joint venture may be replaced by another Community vessel with equivalent capacity and technical specifications only on duly justified grounds and with the agreement of the parties.

D. Fitting-out.

Vessels operating under temporary joint ventures shall comply with the rules and regulations applicable in Greenland regarding fitting-out, which regulation shall be applied without discrimination between Greenland and Community vessels.

E. Catch declaration.

1. All Community vessels shall forward to the Greenland Authority a catch declaration in accordance with Greenlandic fishery regulations.

2. A copy of the catch declaration shall be forwarded to the European Commission.

3. In the event of these provisions not being complied with, the Greenland Authority may suspend the fishing licence of the vessel involved until the said formalities have been complied with.

F. Duration of the joint ventures.

Temporary joint ventures shall be valid for an initial period of no more than 3 years. Under no circumstances may this duration be extended beyond the expiry date of this Protocol. Six months before the end of the period of validity of the joint venture, the Joint Committee shall consider whether to extend its validity for the additional period requested.

G. Scientific observers.

At the request of the Greenland authority, Community vessels fishing pursuant to this Protocol shall permit a scientific observer designated by the said Authority to come on board to perform his tasks. The observer shall be provided with all the facilities necessary for the exercise of his functions.

The conditions of his stay on board shall be the same as those of the other officers of the vessel. Observers' remunerations and social security contributions shall be paid by the Greenland authorities. The costs of his stay on board shall be borne by the owner of the vessel.

Annex V.

1. The authorities responsible for Greenland undertake to offer to the Community by 15 November each year such supplementary catch possibilities referred to in Article 8 of the Agreement, which at the time are expected to be available the following fishing year.

The Community shall inform the authorities responsible for Greenland of its reaction to the offer no later than 6 weeks after receipt of the offer. If the Community either declines the offer or does not react within 6 weeks, the authorities responsible for Greenland will be free to offer the supplementary catch possibilities to other parties.

2. If at any time during the fishing year additional supplementary catch possibilities under Article 8 of the Agreement are identified, which exceed the catch possibilities contained in the offer referred to in paragraph 1, the authorities responsible for Greenland shall offer the Community such additional possibilities.

The Community shall inform the authorities responsible for Greenland of its reaction to the offer no later than 6 weeks after receipt of the offer. If the Community either declines the offer or does not react within 6 weeks, the authorities responsible for Greenland will be free to offer the supplementary catch possibilities to other parties.

AGREEMENT

in the form of an exchange of letters concerning the provisional application of the Protocol laying down the conditions relation to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand, for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000.

A.

Letter from the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland.

Sir,

With reference to the Protocol laying down the conditions relation to fishing, initialled on 1 July 1994 for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland are prepared to apply that Protocol provisionally from 1 January 1995 until its entry into force in accordance with Article 12 of the said Protocol, provided that the European Community is prepared to do the same.

It is understood that, in this case, the payment of the financial compensation stipulated in Article 9 of the Protocol is effected by the beginning of the fishing year.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that the European Community is in agreement with such provisional application.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

For the Government of Denmark and
the Home Rule Government of Greenland

B.

Letter from the European Community.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

"With reference to the Protocol laying down the conditions relation to fishing, initialled on 1 July 1994, for the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 2000, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland are prepared to apply that Protocol provisionally from 1 January 1995 until its entry into force in accordance with Article 12 of the said Protocol, provided that the European Community is prepared to do the same.

It is understood that, in this case, the payment of the financial compensation stipulated in Article 9 of the Protocol is effected by the beginning of the fishing year.

I should be obliged if you would confirm that the European Community is in agreement with such provisional application."

I have the honour to confirm the agreement of the European Community to this provisional application.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council of the
European Union

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. TITLE

Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of the Third Protocol laying down the conditions related to fishing provided for in the Agreement on fisheries between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland, on the other hand.

2. BUDGETARY LINE CONCERNED

Art. B7-800

3. LEGAL BASIS

Article 43 of the Treaty

4. DESCRIPTION

4.1. *General objective.*

- maintain and develop the traditional activity of Community fishermen in Greenland waters.
- supply the Community market.
- decrease the fishing effort in Community waters.
- contribute to reduce the excess fishing capacity of the Community fleet.

4.2. *Period covered.*

From 1 January 1995 until 31 December 2000, corresponding to the period covered by the extension of the framework agreement of 1985.

5. CLASSIFICATION OF SPENDING

5.1. *DO*

5.2. *CD*

6. TYPE OF SPENDING

The contribution is a flat sum, fixed for the six-year period, to be paid to the Greenland Home Rule Government, entirely from the Commission's budget.

In addition, the contribution for joint ventures will correspond exactly to the type of grant aid established in the fisheries structural regulation (Regulation 3699/93), and will be paid 75% by the Commission and 25% by the concerned Member States.



7. FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES

7.1. Calculation for 1995.

The financial contribution is fixed to a flat sum of 37,700,000 ecus per year. In addition, 6,000,000 ecus are allocated for the financing of joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures, over the whole period of six years. Therefore, the annual contribution from the Commission can be estimated in 38,700,000 ecus per year from 1995 to 2000.

8. ANTI-FRAUD PROVISIONS

The protocol sets up a Joint Committee with the aim of overseeing the project selection and the development of the operations by the joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures.

9. ELEMENTS OF COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

9.0. Introduction.

With respect to the second protocol (1990-94) the new protocol introduces a series of very significant improvements in the cost/benefit ratio:

-Introduction of new species:

* Roundnose grenadier, which in previous years had to be purchased as a supplementary quota (and therefore paid for) is now included in the quota table, with two quotas, one of 6,000 tonnes to complement the Greenland halibut fishery, and a second one of 2,000 tonnes to be caught as a "clean" fishery in deep waters.

* Polar cod, of which a quota of 2,000 tonnes has been obtained.

* Other new species. The establishment of joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures is primarily intended to develop new fisheries, for species known to be abundant but still not well introduced in the market.

- Increase in existing quotas:

* Capelin. Instead of the 30,000 tonnes of protocol 2, a 70% of the Greenland quota has been obtained. This will provide, for 1995, a quota of around 110,000 tonnes (almost four times as much). Due to stable high abundances of this species, this high catch possibilities are very likely to be maintained over the six-year period. Moreover, the possibility for Community vessels to land and sell their catches in Iceland, after the Agreement signed with this country, makes this quota very attractive, unlike in the second protocol, where the absence of this possibility prevented the utilization of the quota.

* Halibut. The quota has been increased with 200 tonnes in West Greenland, to a total of 400 tonnes which represents two thirds of the Greenlandic TAC for this species. In addition, this species is a bycatch of cod and redfish. As its relatively low

amount would be a serious constraint to fully utilize the quotas for cod and redfish, since the new bycatch rules in Greenland make it mandatory to keep bycatches on board and count them against their quota, a new footnote to this quota has been introduced, allowing in practice all the bycatches necessary to fully exploit the cod and redfish quota without interference from the bycatch rules. This will dramatically increase the fishability of cod and redfish.

* Greenland halibut. The quota is increased to a total of 6 000 tonnes.

* Cod. The quota remains unchanged, but a flexibility to fish it either in the West or in the East has been introduced. Furthermore, a roll-over mechanism has been introduced. This roll-over allows the accumulation of fishing rights, without additional payment, those years in which the biological unavailability of the resource does not allow a high utilization of the quota. The accumulated fishing rights can be used when the stock recovers and generates a surplus. In the previous protocol, this flexibility did not exist, and all access to surplus cod was subject to additional payment.

* Shrimp. A clause allowing the partial transfer (up to 1,000 tonnes) of the quota of East Greenland to West Greenland has been introduced. This clause will allow an improvement in the fishability of the stock. In previous years, Community fishermen could have fished more of this stock had they had the opportunity to shift part of their activity to West Greenland.

9.1. Specific objectives.

- Maintaining of fishing possibilities with the 200 miles of third parties and obtention of new fishing possibilities.

In this protocol, the existing fishing possibilities are improved, through the increase in some quotas, the consolidation of fishing possibilities which so far had to be purchased with extra cost, and the introduction of flexibility clauses that will improve the fishability of the quotas. In addition, two new species are incorporated into the quota table.

With a view to avoid any problems posed by the application of the new Greenlandic rules on bycatches, a series of quotas and footnotes have been included, to the effect of preventing that the lack of quotas for bycatches could jeopardise the directed fisheries.

Finally, joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures have been introduced with the main goal of exploring the feasibility of new fisheries.

- The supply of the Community market.

The catch from both Community vessels and Greenlandic vessels operating under joint enterprises is directed primarily to the supply of the Community market.

- The reduction of the fishing effort in Community waters.

The agreement with Greenland provides important fishing possibilities that keep an estimated 50 Community vessels away from Community waters. With the improvement in fishing possibilities in this third protocol, the number of vessels operating in Greenland could increase, and the fishing effort in Community waters will consequently decrease further. Temporary joint ventures will also allow a further reduction of fishing effort in the Community's EEZ.

- Contribution to the reduction of excess fishing capacity through the transfer of fishing vessels to third countries.

This protocol introduces also the possibility of setting up joint enterprises. This will allow the deregistration of Community vessels, thus further contributing to the reduction of fishing effort.

- As secondary objectives, this agreement will contribute to increase the opportunities for the Community processing industry, and it will also have consequences on the Community shipbuilding industry and on employment. The increased opportunities obtained in this third protocol should result in an improvement in these three aspects.

9.2. Justification.

- Need for a Community financial aid.

The agreement has the aim of ensuring the access to Greenlandic waters of the Community fleets that operated in the area before 1985, when Greenland withdrew from the Community. These fleets exploit resources within Greenland's 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone. Consequently, these fishing rights have to be purchased. In addition, Greenland enjoys tariff-free access to all its fishery products to the Community market, and is not interested in a mutual-access agreement. Therefore, the financial contribution is the only way to have access to Greenland's fish resources.

- Main factors affecting the specific results.

The main factor is the natural variability of fish resources, that can make the rate of utilization of the quotas rather low when the stock abundances are low. In any case, the flexibility introduced in some quotas (the flexibility between East and West, the quota roll-over for cod) will minimise the possible negative effects of this factor.

9.3. Follow-up and evaluation.

DG XIV Services will monitor the rate of utilization of the available quotas under this protocol, through the recolection of data on landings.

The Agreement also foresees consultations between the two parties in order to follow up the development of the protocol.

In addition, a joint committee is set up by the protocol to specifically control the activity of joint enterprises and temporary joint ventures.

9.4. Consistency with budgetary planning.

The expenses proposed are foreseen in the budgetary planning for the period concerned.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The new protocol does not require new Commission staff.

Only every second year a meeting of the joint committee will require travel expenses for two officials, with an approximate cost of 7,000 ecus.

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