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## PROPOSAL

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**COUNCIL DECISION**

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## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### 1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

#### • **Reasons for and objectives of the proposal**

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community entered into force on 18 April 2008. The current Protocol to the Agreement entered into force on 1 July 2013 and will expire on 30 June 2018.

On the basis of the relevant negotiating directives<sup>1</sup>, the Commission conducted negotiations with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire with a view to concluding a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire<sup>2</sup>. Following these negotiations, a new Protocol was initialled on 16 March 2018. The Protocol covers a period of six years from the date of its provisional application, i.e. from the date on which it is signed, as it states in Article 13.

#### • **Consistency with existing policy provisions in the policy area**

The main aim of the new Protocol is to provide fishing opportunities for Union vessels in Côte d'Ivoire waters, on the basis of the best available scientific advice and respecting the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). This new Protocol takes into account the results of an evaluation of the previous Protocol (2013-2018) and a forward-looking assessment of whether a new Protocol should be concluded. Both were carried out by external experts. The Protocol will also enable the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to work more closely on promoting sound exploitation of fisheries resources in Côte d'Ivoire waters and support efforts by Côte d'Ivoire to develop its blue economy, in the interests of both parties.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 freezer tuna seiners,
- 8 surface long liners.

#### • **Consistency with other Union policies**

The negotiation of a new protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Côte d'Ivoire forms part of the Union's external action in relation to ACP countries and takes into account, in particular, Union objectives on respecting democratic principles and human rights.

### 2. RESULTS OF EX-POST EVALUATIONS, STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

#### • **Ex-post evaluations/fitness checks of existing legislation**

In 2017, the Commission carried out an ex-post evaluation of the current Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Côte d'Ivoire, and an ex-

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted during the 3595th meeting of the Education, Youth, Culture and Sport Council on 15 February 2018.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 170, 22.6.2013, p. 2.

ante evaluation of a possible renewal of the Protocol. The conclusions of the evaluation are presented in a separate working document<sup>1</sup>.

The evaluation concluded that the EU tuna fishing sector is firmly interested in fishing in Côte d'Ivoire and that a renewal of the Protocol would help strengthen monitoring, control and surveillance and contribute to improved governance of the fisheries in the region. The importance of Abidjan as one of the main landing ports and processing sites in West Africa contributes to the relevance of the envisaged new Protocol, both for the EU tuna fishing sector and for the partner country.

- **Stakeholder consultations**

1. Member States, industry representatives and international civil society organisations, as well as Côte d'Ivoire's fisheries administration and civil society, were consulted as part of the evaluation. Consultations also took place in the framework of the Long Distance Advisory Council.

### **3. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The annual financial contribution is EUR 682 000, based on:

a) a reference tonnage of 5 500 tonnes, for which an annual amount linked to access has been set at EUR 330 000 for the first two years of application of the Protocol, and EUR 275 000 for the subsequent years (years three to six),

b) support for development of the sectoral fisheries policy of Côte d'Ivoire, amounting to EUR 352 000 a year for the first two years of application of the Protocol, and EUR 407 000 for the subsequent years (years three to six). This support meets the objectives of Côte d'Ivoire's national policy on the sustainable management of continental and maritime fishery resources.

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<sup>1</sup> SWD(2017)446 final, 12.12.2017.

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## COUNCIL DECISION

### **on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2018-2024)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(2), in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2008, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 242/2008<sup>1</sup> on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (hereinafter referred to as the 'Agreement')<sup>2</sup>. The Agreement was then tacitly renewed and is still in force.
- (2) The current Protocol to the Agreement setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for by the Agreement expires on 30 June 2018.
- (3) The Commission negotiated on behalf of the European Union a new Protocol implementing the Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the 'Protocol'). At the end of those negotiations, a draft Protocol was initialled on 16 March 2018.
- (4) The objective of the Protocol is to enable the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire to work more closely on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy, sound exploitation of fishery resources in Côte d'Ivoire's waters, and efforts by Côte d'Ivoire to develop a blue economy.
- (5) Accordingly, signature of the Protocol should be authorised.
- (6) In order to ensure an expeditious start to fishing activities of Union vessels, the Protocol should be applied provisionally upon its signature, pending its entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

#### *Article 1*

The Union authorises the signature of the Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 75, 18.3.2008, pp. 51-52.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 48, 22.2.2008, pp. 41-45.

*Article 2*

The Secretariat-General of the Council shall establish the instruments of full powers authorising the person(s) indicated by the negotiator of the Protocol to sign it, on behalf of the Union, subject to its conclusion.

*Article 3*

The Protocol shall be applied provisionally in accordance with Article 13 of the Protocol, as from the date of its signature, pending its entry into force.

*Article 4*

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

*Article 5*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council  
The President*

## **LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

### **1. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE**

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## LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### 1. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

#### 1.1. Title of the proposal/initiative

Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community.

#### 1.2. Policy area(s) concerned in the ABM/ABB structure<sup>1</sup>

11. – Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

11.03 – Compulsory contributions to regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs) and other international organisations and sustainable fisheries agreements (SFAs).

11.03.01 – Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters.

#### 1.3. Nature of the proposal/initiative

The proposal/initiative relates to **a new action**

The proposal/initiative relates to **a new action following a pilot project/preparatory action<sup>2</sup>**

The proposal/initiative relates to **the extension of an existing action**

The proposal/initiative relates to **an action redirected towards a new action**

#### 1.4. Objective(s)

##### 1.4.1. *The Commission's multiannual strategic objective(s) targeted by the proposal/initiative*

The negotiation and conclusion of Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements (SFPAs) with third countries meet the general objective of giving EU fishing vessels access to the fishing zones of third countries and developing a partnership with those countries with a view to strengthening the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources outside EU waters.

SFPAs also ensure consistency between the principles governing the Common Fisheries Policy and the commitments made under other European policies (sustainable use of third-country resources, combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, integration of partner countries into the global economy and better political and financial governance of fisheries).

##### 1.4.2. *Specific objective(s) and ABM/ABB activity(ies) concerned*

###### Specific objective

To contribute to sustainable fishing in non-EU waters, maintain a European presence in distant-water fisheries and protect the interests of the European fisheries sector and consumers by negotiating and concluding SFPAs with coastal states, consistent with other European policies.

<sup>1</sup> ABM: Activity-Based Management – ABB: Activity-Based Budgeting.

<sup>2</sup> As referred to in Article 54(2)(a) or (b) of the Financial Regulation.

ABM/ABB activity(ies) concerned:

Maritime affairs and fisheries, to establish a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by European Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs) (budget line 11.03.01).

*1.4.3. Expected result(s) and impact*

*Specify the effects which the proposal/initiative should have on the beneficiaries/groups targeted.*

The conclusion of the Protocol enables the establishment of a strategic fisheries partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. The conclusion of the Protocol will create fishing opportunities for Union vessels in Ivorian waters.

The Protocol will also contribute to better management and conservation of fishery resources, through financial support (sectoral support) for the implementation of programmes adopted at national level by the partner country, in particular as regards monitoring and combating illegal fishing, and support for the small-scale fisheries sector.

Finally the Protocol will contribute to Côte d'Ivoire's blue economy, promoting growth linked to maritime activity and the sustainable exploitation of its marine resources.

*1.4.4. Indicators of results and impact*

*Specify the indicators for monitoring implementation of the proposal/initiative.*

Rates of utilisation of fishing opportunities (annual uptake of fishing authorisations as a percentage of availability under the Protocol).

Catch data (gathering and analysis) and the commercial value of the Agreement.

Contribution to employment and to added value in the EU and to stabilising the EU market (in aggregate with other SFPAs).

Contribution to improving research, surveillance and control of fishing activity by the partner country and the development of its fisheries sector, in particular its small-scale fisheries sector.

**1.5. Grounds for the proposal/initiative**

*1.5.1. Requirement(s) to be met in the short or long term*

It is intended that the new Protocol will apply provisionally from the date of its signature so as not to interrupt fishing operations which are ongoing under the current Protocol.

The new Protocol will provide a framework for the fishing activities of the Union fleet in the fishing zone of Côte d'Ivoire and will authorise EU vessel owners to apply for fishing authorisations to fish in that zone. In addition, the new Protocol enhances cooperation between the EU and Côte d'Ivoire, with a view to promoting the development of a sustainable fishing policy. It provides, in particular, for vessels to be monitored via VMS and, in future, for the electronic transmission of catch data. The sectoral support available under the Protocol will help Côte d'Ivoire with its national fisheries strategy, including the fight against IUU fishing.

1.5.2. *Added value of EU involvement*

If the EU does not agree a new Protocol, this would impede the fishing activity of EU vessels, as the Agreement contains a clause excluding fishing activities not taking place in the framework defined by a protocol to the Agreement. Consequently, the added value for the EU's long-distance fleet is explicit. The Protocol also offers a framework for enhanced cooperation with the EU.

1.5.3. *Lessons learned from similar experiences in the past*

An analysis of past catches in the Côte d'Ivoire fishing zone and of recent catches within the framework of similar protocols in the region, as well as the assessments and available scientific advice, led the parties to set a reference tonnage for tuna and tuna-like species of 5 500 tonnes a year with fishing opportunities for 28 freezer tuna seiners and 8 surface long-liners. Sectoral support has been set at a relatively high level in order to take into account needs in terms of building the capacity of Côte d'Ivoire's fisheries authorities and the priorities of the national fisheries strategy, as well as plans for supporting the blue economy of this coastal State.

1.5.4. *Compatibility and possible synergy with other appropriate instruments*

Funds provided as financial compensation for access under the FPA constitute fungible revenue in the national budget of Côte d'Ivoire. However, funds intended for sectoral support are allocated (generally by introduction in the annual budget law) to the Ministry responsible for fisheries, as a condition for the conclusion and monitoring of FPAs. These financial resources are compatible with other sources of funding from other providers of international funding for carrying out projects and/or programmes at national level in the fisheries sector.

## 1.6. Duration and financial impact

Proposal/initiative of **limited duration**

- Proposal/initiative in effect from [DD/MM]YYYY to [DD/MM]YYYY
- Financial impact from YYYY to YYYY

Proposal/initiative of **unlimited duration**

- Implementation with a start-up period from YYYY to YYYY,
- followed by full-scale operation.

## 1.7. Management mode(s) planned<sup>3</sup>

**Direct management** by the Commission

- by its departments, including by its staff in the Union delegations;
- by the executive agencies

**Shared management** with the Member States

**Indirect management** by entrusting budget implementation tasks to:

- third countries or the bodies they have designated;
- international organisations and their agencies (to be specified);
- the EIB and the European Investment Fund;
- bodies referred to in Articles 208 and 209 of the Financial Regulation;
- public law bodies;
- bodies governed by private law with a public service mission to the extent that they provide adequate financial guarantees;
- bodies governed by the private law of a Member State that are entrusted with the implementation of a public-private partnership and that provide adequate financial guarantees;
- persons entrusted with the implementation of specific actions in the CFSP pursuant to Title V of the TEU, and identified in the relevant basic act.
- *If more than one management mode is indicated, please provide details in the 'Comments' section.*

Comments

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<sup>3</sup> Details of management modes and references to the Financial Regulation can be found on the BudgWeb site: [http://www.cc.cec/budg/man/budgmanag/budgmanag\\_en.html](http://www.cc.cec/budg/man/budgmanag/budgmanag_en.html)

## **2. MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

### **2.1. Monitoring and reporting rules**

*Specify frequency and conditions.*

The Commission (DG MARE, in collaboration with its fisheries attaché based in the region – Dakar, Senegal) will ensure regular monitoring of the implementation of the Protocol, as regards the use by operators of fishing opportunities and catch data and the respect of sectoral support conditionalities.

The FPA provides for at least one annual meeting of the Joint Committee, at which the Commission and Côte d'Ivoire review the implementation of the Agreement and Protocol and, if necessary, adjust the programming and, if applicable, the financial contribution.

### **2.2. Management and control system**

#### *2.2.1. Risk(s) identified*

The identified risk is the under-use of fishing opportunities by EU vessel owners and the under-use or delayed use by Côte d'Ivoire of funds intended to finance the sectoral fisheries policy.

#### *2.2.2. Information concerning the internal control system set up*

Extensive dialogue is planned on the programming and implementation of the sectoral policy laid down in the Agreement and the Protocol. Joint analysis of results, as referred to in Article 4 of the Protocol, also forms part of these control methods.

In addition, the Agreement and the Protocol contain specific clauses for their suspension, on certain conditions and in given circumstances.

#### *2.2.3. Estimate of the costs and benefits of the controls and assessment of the expected level of risk of error*

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### **2.3. Measures to prevent fraud and irregularities**

*Specify existing or envisaged prevention and protection measures.*

The Commission undertakes to establish a political dialogue and regular coordination with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire with a view to improving the management of the Agreement and the Protocol and strengthening the EU's contribution to the sustainable management of resources. Any payment which the Commission makes under an FPA is subject to the Commission's standard rules and budgetary and financial procedures. In particular, the bank accounts of the third countries into which the financial contribution is paid are fully identified. Article 3(8) of the Protocol lays down that the financial contribution for access is to be paid to Côte d'Ivoire's Public Treasury and that the share intended for the development of the sector shall be paid into an account which is specifically for this purpose, opened with the bank of the Public Treasury of Côte d'Ivoire.

### 3. ESTIMATED FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

#### 3.1. Heading(s) of the multiannual financial framework and expenditure budget line(s) affected

- Existing budget lines

In order of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.

Heading of multiannual financial framework	Budget line	Type of expenditure	Contribution			
	Number [Heading.....]	Diff./Non-diff. <sup>(9)</sup>	from EFTA countries <sup>10</sup>	from candidate countries <sup>11</sup>	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation
2	11.03.01 Establishing a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by European Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs)	Diff.	NO	NO	NO	NO

- New budget lines requested

In order of multiannual financial framework headings and budget lines.

Heading of multiannual financial framework	Budget line	Type of expenditure	Contribution			
	Number [Heading.....]	Diff./Non-diff.	from EFTA countries	from candidate countries	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation
	[XX.YY.YY.YY]		YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO	YES/NO

<sup>9</sup> Diff. = Differentiated appropriations/Non-diff. = Non-differentiated appropriations.

<sup>10</sup> EFTA: European Free Trade Association.

<sup>11</sup> Candidate countries and, where applicable, potential candidates from the Western Balkans.

### 3.2. Estimated impact on expenditure

#### 3.2.1. Summary of estimated impact on expenditure

EUR million (to three decimal places)

Heading of multi-annual financial framework:		Number 2	Sustainable growth: natural resources					TOTAL
DG: MARE			Year 2018 <sup>12</sup>	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023
• Operational appropriations								
Number of budget line 11.0301	Commitments	(1)	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682
	Payments	(2)	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682
Number of budget line	Commitments	(1a)						
	Payments	(2 a)						
Appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope of specific programmes <sup>13</sup>								
Number of budget line		(3)						
<b>TOTAL appropriations for DG MARE</b>	Commitments	=1+1a +3	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682
	Payments	=2+2a +3	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682
								<b>4.092</b>
								<b>4.092</b>

<sup>12</sup>

Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

<sup>13</sup>

Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.

• TOTAL operational appropriations	Commitments	(4)	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	4.092
	Payments	(5)	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	4.092
• TOTAL appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope for specific programmes		(6)									
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 2</b> of the multiannual financial framework	Commitments	=4+6	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	4.092
	Payments	=5+6	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	4.092

**If more than one heading is affected by the proposal/initiative:**

• TOTAL operational appropriations	Commitments	(4)									
	Payments	(5)									
• TOTAL appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the envelope for specific programmes		(6)									
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADINGS 1 to 4</b> of the multiannual financial framework (Reference amount)	Commitments	=4+6									
	Payments	=5+6									



<b>Heading of multi-annual financial framework:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>'Administrative expenditure'</b>
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EUR million (to three decimal places)

	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022
DC: MARE					
• Human resources (AD+AST)					
• Other administrative expenditure					
<b>TOTAL DG MARE</b>					
Appropriations					

<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 5</b> of the multiannual financial framework	(Total commitments = Total payments)							
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EUR million (to three decimal places)

	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022	Year 2023	TOTAL
<b>TOTAL appropriations under HEADINGS 1 to 5</b> of the multiannual financial framework	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	<b>4.092</b>
Commitments	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	<b>4.092</b>
Payments	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	0.682	<b>4.092</b>

### 3.2.2. Estimated impact on operational appropriations

- The proposal/initiative does not require the use of operational appropriations
- The proposal/initiative requires the use of operational appropriations, as explained below:

Commitment appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Indicate objectives and outputs		Year					TOTAL		
		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
↓	Type <sup>14</sup>	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Number	Cost	Total No	Total cost
<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 1<sup>15</sup> ...</b>									
- Access	Annual		0.330		0.275		0.275		1.760
- Sectoral	Annual		0.352		0.407		0.407		2.332
- Output									
Subtotal for specific objective No 1			0.682		0.682		0.682		4.092
<b>SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 2 ...</b>									
- Output									
Subtotal for specific objective No 2									
<b>TOTAL COST</b>			0.682		0.682		0.682		4.092

<sup>14</sup> Outputs are products and services to be supplied (e.g. number of student exchanges financed, number of km of roads built, etc.).

<sup>15</sup> As described in point 1.4.2. 'Specific objective(s)...'

### 3.2.3. Estimated impact on appropriations of an administrative nature

#### 3.2.3.1. Summary

- The proposal/initiative does not require the use of appropriations of an administrative nature
- The proposal/initiative requires the use of appropriations of an administrative nature, as explained below:

EUR million (to three decimal places)

	Year N <sup>16</sup>	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)	TOTAL
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<b>HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								
Human resources								
Other administrative expenditure								
<b>Subtotal HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								

<b>Outside HEADING 5<sup>17</sup> of the multiannual financial framework</b>								
Human resources								
Other expenditure of an administrative nature								
<b>Subtotal outside HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework</b>								

<b>TOTAL</b>								
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The appropriations required for human resources and other expenditure of an administrative nature will be met by appropriations from the DG that are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

<sup>16</sup> Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

<sup>17</sup> Technical and/or administrative assistance and expenditure in support of the implementation of EU programmes and/or actions (former 'BA' lines), indirect research, direct research.

### 3.2.3.2. Estimated requirements of human resources

- The proposal/initiative does not require the use of human resources.
- The proposal/initiative requires the use of human resources, as explained below:

*Estimate to be expressed in full-time equivalent units*

	Year N	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)		
<b>• Establishment plan posts (officials and temporary agents)</b>							
XX 01 01 01 (Headquarters and Commission's Representation Offices)							
XX 01 01 02 (in Union Delegations)							
XX 01 05 01 (Indirect research)							
10 01 05 01 (Direct research)							
<b>• External personnel (in full-time equivalent: FTE)<sup>18</sup></b>							
XX 01 02 01 (AC, END, INT from the 'global envelope')							
XX 01 02 02 (AC, AL, END, INT and JED in the delegations)							
XX 01 04 yy <sup>19</sup>	- at Headquarters						
	- in Delegations						
XX 01 05 02 (AC, END, INT - Indirect research)							
10 01 05 02 (AC, END, INT - Direct research)							
Other budget lines (specify)							
<b>TOTAL</b>							

XX is the policy area or budget title concerned.

The human resources required will be met by staff from the DG who are already assigned to management of the action and/or have been redeployed within the DG, together if necessary with any additional allocation which may be granted to the managing DG under the annual allocation procedure and in the light of budgetary constraints.

Description of tasks to be carried out:

Officials and temporary staff	Implementation of the Protocol (payments, access to Côte d'Ivoire's waters by EU vessels, processing of fishing authorisations), preparation and follow-up of Joint Committees, preparation for the renewal of the Protocol, external evaluation, legislative procedures, negotiations.
External staff	Implementation of the Protocol: contact with the authorities of Côte d'Ivoire for access by EU vessels to Côte d'Ivoire's waters, processing of fishing authorisation, preparation and follow-up of Joint Committees, in particular sectoral support implementation.

<sup>18</sup> AC= contract staff; AL = local staff; END = seconded national expert; INT= agency staff; JED = junior experts in delegations.

<sup>19</sup> Sub-ceiling for external staff covered by operational appropriations (former 'BA' lines).

3.2.4. *Compatibility with the current multiannual financial framework*

- X The proposal/initiative is compatible the current multiannual financial framework.
- The proposal/initiative will entail reprogramming of the relevant heading in the multiannual financial framework.
- The proposal/initiative requires application of the flexibility instrument or revision of the multiannual financial framework.

3.2.5. *Third-party contributions*

- The proposal/initiative does not provide for co-financing by third parties.

### 3.3. Estimated impact on revenue

- The proposal/initiative has no financial impact on revenue.
- The proposal/initiative has the following financial impact:
  - on own resources
  - on miscellaneous revenue

EUR million (to three decimal places)

Budget revenue line:	Appropriations available for the current financial year	Impact of the proposal/initiative <sup>20</sup>					
		Year N	Year N+1	Year N+2	Year N+3	Year N+4	Year N+5
Article .....							

For miscellaneous 'assigned' revenue, specify the budget expenditure line(s) affected.

Specify the method for calculating the impact on revenue.

<sup>20</sup> As regards traditional own resources (customs duties, sugar levies), the amounts indicated must be net amounts, i.e. gross amounts after deduction of 25 % for collection costs.