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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,


Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 of 28 December 1978 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries (NAFO),

Having regard to Council Decision 95/399/EC of 18 September 1995 on the accession of the Community to the Agreement for the establishment of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC),

1 OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1
5 OJ L 162, 18.6.1986, p. 33
7 OJ L 378, 30.12.1978, p. 1


Having regard to Council Decision 2008/780/EC of 29 September 2008 on the signing, on behalf of the European Community, of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)\textsuperscript{11},

Having regard to Council Decision 2005/75/EC of 26 April 2004 on the accession of the Community to the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC)\textsuperscript{12},


Having regard to Council Conclusions 12025/11 Memoranda of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks and Birds of Prey under the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS)\textsuperscript{14},

Having regard to Council Decision of 3 October 2011 on the approval, on behalf of the European Union, of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean (SPRFMO)(2012/130/EU)\textsuperscript{15},


Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2015/2437 of 14 December 2015 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) concerning the membership of the Union in the Extended Commission of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Having regard to Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union to accede to the Convention for the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (NPFC)\textsuperscript{17},

Whereas:

\textsuperscript{8} OJ L 236, 5.10.1995, p. 24
\textsuperscript{9} OJ L 190, 4.7.1998, p. 34
\textsuperscript{11} OJ L 268, 9.10.2008, p. 27
\textsuperscript{12} OJ L 32, 4.2.2005, p. 1
\textsuperscript{13} OJ L 224, 16.8.2006, p. 22
\textsuperscript{14} COM/2010/0805 final
\textsuperscript{15} OJ L 67, 6.3.2012, p.1
\textsuperscript{16} OJ L 179, 23.6.1998, p. 1
\textsuperscript{17} COM/2018/376 final
(1) In order to ensure the implementation of the Union contribution to international fisheries organisations, it is necessary to adopt an annual financing decision which constitutes the annual work programme for 2020. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ("the Financial Regulation") establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.

(2) It is appropriate to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the work programme.

(3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of Regulation 2018/1046.

(4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1**

*Work programme*

The annual financing decision, constituting the annual work programme for the implementation of the Union contribution to international fisheries organisations for 2020, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

**Article 2**

*Union contribution to international fisheries organisations*

The maximum Union contribution to international fisheries organisations for 2020 is set at EUR 5,400,000, and shall be financed from budget line 11 03 02 of the general budget of the Union.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2020, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

**Article 3**

*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes\(^\text{18}\) to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraphs of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme. The increase of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraphs of Article 2 of this Decision shall not exceed 20%.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

\(^{18}\) These changes can come from assigned revenue made available after the adoption of the financing decision.
Article 4

Grants

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals to the bodies identified in the Annex in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

Done at Brussels, 26.11.2019

For the Commission
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