

**Follow up to the European Parliament non-legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union, of the one part, and the Government of Greenland and the Government of Denmark, of the other part (2025-2030)**

- 1. Rapporteur:** Emma FOURREAU (GUE/NGL / FR)
- 2. References:** 2024/0263M(NLE) / A10-0103/2025 / P10\_TA(2025)0143
- 3. Date of adoption of the resolution:** 8 July 2025
- 4. Competent Parliamentary Committee:** Committee on fisheries (PECH)
- 5. Brief analysis/ assessment of the resolution and requests made in it:**

The resolution highlights the importance of fisheries for the local economy, the geopolitical context and the economic benefits for Greenland from the financial contribution by the EU and its contribution to the shaping the EU policy in the Arctic.

The resolution analyses the sustainability of fisheries under this agreement and particularly regrets the situation of the Northern prawn which is targeted by both, Greenland and EU vessels (albeit on a more marginal share). The need for improved scientific data is underlined. In that context, the resolution calls on both parties to further cooperate to enhance sustainability of fisheries.

- 6. Response to the requests in the resolution and overview of the action taken, or intended to be taken, by the Commission:**

The Commission welcomes the Parliament's resolution and agrees with most of its findings.

Regarding paragraph 12, on the cooperation to ensure a sustainable and balanced exploitation of the Northern prawn, this is a strategic objective for both the EU and Greenland. The new protocol ensures that EU fishing activities are based on the best available scientific advice and the precautionary approach. Additionally, the protocol introduced measures to manage bycatch effectively. The new protocol has a dedicated article on scientific cooperation in which both parties undertake to promote cooperation as regards responsible fishing and to ensure the sustainable exploitation of the fishery resources. In addition, in the development of the sectoral support's priorities, great attention will be given to promoting support to Greenland's small-scale coastal fisheries with special care to respect the rights of the indigenous people and provide livelihoods for marginalised communities.

Regarding paragraph 18, on further assessment of the impacts on fish stocks of other activities affecting the ecosystems, such as maritime transport, seismological research, pollution and climate change, the protocol has a dedicated article on scientific cooperation in which both parties commit to improve scientific advice and data collection, including at a regional level, in particular within the North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission and Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization and any other subregional or international body concerned. In addition, the protocol provides EUR 3.2 million annually for sectoral support, which may be used, among others, to strengthen scientific research. In past protocols, about a third of the sectoral support funding was allocated to strengthening the research activity of the national Institute for Natural Resources.

Regarding paragraph 33, the collaboration with the Commission office in Nuuk is of premium importance, notably because the agreement also supports the EU's broader geopolitical objectives in the Arctic. The Commission office in Nuuk is of key support in the daily contacts with the Greenlandic Government.