

**AGREEMENT IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS**

**concerning the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial compensation provided for in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Madagascar on fishing off Madagascar for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001**

*A. Letter from the Government of Madagascar*

Sir,

With reference to the Protocol initialled on 5 March 1998 setting out fishing opportunities and financial compensation for the period from 21 May 1998 to 20 May 2001, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Madagascar is prepared to apply the Protocol on a provisional basis with effect from 21 May 1998, pending its entry into force in accordance with Article 7 of the said Protocol, provided the European Community is disposed to do the same.

This is on the understanding that the first annual instalment of the financial compensation specified in Article 2 of the Protocol is paid by 30 October 1998.

I should be obliged if you would confirm the European Community's agreement to such provisional application.

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

*For the Government  
of the Republic of Madagascar*

*B. Letter from the Community*

Sir,

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

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

*On behalf of  
the Council of the European Union*

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