

Should the measure go ahead, what will the political, economic and commercial effects on EU relations with the Kingdom of Morocco, and in particular, what legal and financial consequences will there be as far as the fisheries agreement is concerned?

**Answer given by Mrs Bonino on behalf of the Commission**

*(12 February 1998)*

The Community has always accorded the greatest importance to conservation and rational management of fishery resources. The Agreement with Morocco involves a commitment by the Community to apply, in concert with its partner, a policy safeguarding the long-term viability of the sector, in particular of the cephalopod fishery, which is of recognised importance to the fleets of both parties.

The Commission considers that a biological rest period is only one of a range of protective measures for this resource. It is not opposed to the basic idea of doubling the rest period specified in the Agreement.

Such a measure must however be set within the context of implementation of the conservation measures to which Morocco has committed itself. These must, in the interests of both parties, extend to both its industrial and non-industrial fleets fishing cephalopods. This was the position defended by the Community when the Joint Committee met on 3 and 4 December 1997.

As regards Morocco's unilateral extension of the biological rest period, the Commission, in line with the declaration on fisheries relations with Morocco adopted by the Council on 18 December 1997, is pressing on with its efforts to secure compliance with the undertakings entered into.

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-0048/98**

**by Jesús Cabezón Alonso (PSE) to the Commission**

*(29 January 1998)*

*Subject:* Aid for the peace process in Guatemala

In the year that has elapsed since the signing of the peace agreements between the Guatemalan Government and the U.R.N.G., how much aid has the European Union contributed towards the implementation of these agreements?

Is EU aid dependent on certain provisions of the peace agreements being fulfilled?

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**WRITTEN QUESTION E-0049/98**

**by Jesús Cabezón Alonso (PSE) to the Commission**

*(29 January 1998)*

*Subject:* Implementation of the Guatemalan peace agreements

A year on from the signing of the Guatemalan peace agreements, has the Commission assessed to what extent the provisions of these agreements have been complied with?

If so, with what results? What conclusions has the Commission drawn?

**Joint answer  
to Written Questions E-0048/98 and E-0049/98  
given by Mr Marín on behalf of the Commission**

*(18 February 1998)*

Through its office in Guatemala the Commission, throughout 1997, closely monitored the implementation by the Guatemalan Government of the undertakings in the part agreements. Its assessment largely agrees with the recent (23 December 1997) one by the Heads of Mission tasked with monitoring the peace process in Guatemala.