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Proposal for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

The Council authorised the European Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the renewal of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde. At the end of the negotiations a new draft protocol was initialled by the negotiators on 28 August 2014. The new Protocol covers a period of four years from the date of provisional application laid down in Article 15, that being the date on which it is signed.

The main purpose of the Protocol to the Agreement is to grant fishing opportunities to Union vessels in the fishing zone of the Republic of Cape Verde, in accordance with the best scientific opinions available and the recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), where applicable within the limits of the available surplus. The Commission's negotiating position was based in part on the results of an ex-post evaluation of the previous Protocol carried out by external experts.

The general aim is to enhance cooperation between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde, thereby creating a partnership framework within which to develop a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in the fishing zone of the Republic of Cape Verde, in the interests of both parties.

The Protocol provides for fishing opportunities in the following categories:

- 28 tuna seiners
- 30 surface longliners
- 13 pole-and-line tuna vessels.

The Commission proposes, on this basis, that the Council, with the consent of the Parliament, adopt by decision the conclusion of this new Protocol.

2. RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH THE INTERESTED PARTIES AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

The interested parties were consulted during the evaluation of the Protocol for the period 2011-14. Experts from the Member States were also consulted in technical meetings. These consultations led to the conclusion that it would be beneficial to maintain a fishing protocol with the Republic of Cape Verde.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROPOSAL

This procedure is being initiated in parallel with the procedures relating to the Council Decision authorising the signature and provisional application of the Protocol itself, and to the Council Regulation concerning the allocation of the fishing opportunities between the Member States of the European Union.

4. BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The annual financial contribution is EUR 550 000 the first two years and EUR 500 000 the last two years, based on (a) a reference tonnage of 5 000 tonnes, for which an amount linked to access has been set at EUR 275 000 the first two years and EUR 250 000 the last two years, and (b) support for development of the sectoral fisheries policy of the Republic of Cape Verde, amounting to EUR 275 000 per year the first two years and EUR 250 000 per year the

last two years. This support meets the objectives of the national fisheries policy and in particular the needs of the Republic of Cape Verde in its fight against illegal fishing.

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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(6)(a) and (7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament¹,

Whereas:

- (1) On 19 December 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 2027/2006 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde².
- (2) The Union has negotiated with the Republic of Cape Verde a new protocol to the Partnership Agreement granting Union vessels fishing opportunities in the fishing zone in which the Republic of Cape Verde exercises its jurisdiction.
- (3) By Decision .../2014/EU³, the Council authorised the signing and provisional application of the Protocol, subject to its later conclusion.
- (4) Article 9 of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde set up a Joint Committee to monitor the implementation, interpretation and application of the Agreement, and to reassess, where necessary, the level of fishing opportunities and the related financial contribution. With a view to implementing such changes, it is appropriate to empower the European Commission to approve them under a simplified procedure.
- (5) The Protocol should therefore be approved on behalf of the Union,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde is hereby concluded on behalf of the Union.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision as Annex I.

¹ OJ L [...], [...], p. [...].

² OJ L 414, 19.12.2006, p. 1.

³ OJ L [...], [...], p. [...].

Article 2

The President of the Council shall designate the person(s) empowered to make, on behalf of the Union, the notification provided for in Article 16 of the Protocol in order to express the consent of the Union to be bound by the Protocol.

Article 3

In accordance with the provisions and conditions laid down in Annex II to this Decision and in Article 9 of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Cape Verde, the European Commission is hereby authorised to approve, on behalf of the Union, the amendments made to the Protocol as adopted by the Joint Committee.

Article 4

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

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

LEGISLATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1. FRAMEWORK OF THE PROPOSAL/INITIATIVE

1.1. Title of the proposal/initiative

Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde

1.2. Policy area(s) concerned in the ABM/ABB structure⁴

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

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 action⁵**
- 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 fisheries agreements with third countries meets the general objective of giving EU fishing vessels access to fishing zones located in third countries' Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) and developing a partnership with those countries with a view to strengthening the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources outside EU waters.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreements (FPAs) also ensure coherence 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 No 1

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 FPAs with coastal states, consistent with other European policies.

ABM/ABB activity(-ies) concerned

⁴ ABM: Activity-Based Management – ABB: Activity-Based Budgeting.

⁵ As referred to in Article 54(2)(a) or (b) of the Financial Regulation.

Maritime affairs and fisheries. To establish a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by EU fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs) (budget line 11.0301).

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 will help maintain the fishing opportunities for EU vessels in the Cape Verdean fishing zone.

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 to monitor and combat illegal fishing.

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);

Gathering and analysing data on catches 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 FPAs);

Number of technical meetings and meetings of the Joint Committee.

1.5. Grounds for the proposal/initiative

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

The Protocol for the period 2011-14 expired on 31 August 2014. It is intended that the new Protocol will apply provisionally from the date of its signature. To secure continuity of fishing operations, a procedure for adoption by the Council of a Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol has been launched in parallel with this procedure.

The new Protocol will provide a framework for the fishing activities of the European fleet in the Cape Verdean fishing zone and will allow European vessel owners to apply for fishing licences allowing them to fish in Cape Verdean waters. In addition, the new Protocol enhances cooperation between the EU and the Republic of Cape Verde, with a view to promoting the development of a sustainable fisheries policy. It provides, in particular, for vessels to be monitored via VMS and for the electronic transmission of catch data. Sectoral support has been strengthened to help the Republic of Cape Verde with its national fisheries strategy, including in the fight against IUU fishing.

1.5.2. Added value of EU involvement

As regards this new Protocol, failure to act by the EU would allow private agreements to spring up which would not guarantee sustainable fisheries. The European Union also hopes that with this Protocol, the Republic of Cape Verde will continue to cooperate effectively with the EU particularly as regards the fight against illegal fishing.

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

Based on an analysis of catches under the previous Protocol, the parties have agreed to maintain the reference tonnage but to reduce the number of surface longliners (from 35 to 30) and to slightly increase the number of pole-and-line tuna vessels (from 11 to 13). The number of tuna seiners remains unchanged at 28 vessels.

Given that pelagic sharks are among the species caught by the EU fleet, catches of these species by longline vessels require particular attention. A strict mechanism will be set up to monitor these fisheries so as to ensure sustainable exploitation of the resource, and a study will be carried out to analyse the condition of sharks and the impact of fishing on local ecosystems. This will provide data on the migratory patterns of the species concerned and help identify biologically and environmentally vulnerable zones in Cape Verde and the tropical Atlantic.

Sectoral support has been strengthened taking account of the priorities of the national fisheries strategy and requirements in terms of building the capacity of the Cape Verdean fishing authorities.

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

Funds paid out under FPAs constitute fungible revenue in the budgets of the third-country partners. However, allocating some of those funds for implementing measures as part of the country's sectoral policy is 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 force from the date of signature and for a duration of four years.
- Financial impact from 2015 to 2018

Proposal/initiative **of unlimited duration**

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

1.7. **Management method(s) envisaged**

Direct management by the Commission

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

Shared management with Member States

Indirect management by entrusting budget implementation tasks to:

- third countries or the bodies they have designated;
- international organisations and their agencies (please specify);
- 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.

Comments

2. MANAGEMENT MEASURES

2.1. Monitoring and reporting rules

Specify frequency and conditions.

The Commission (DG MARE, in collaboration with its fisheries counsellor in Senegal and the European Union’s Delegation in Dakar) will ensure regular monitoring of the implementation of this Protocol, particularly as regards operators’ use of fishing opportunities and catch data.

The Fisheries Partnership Agreement provides for at least one annual meeting of the Joint Committee, at which the Commission and the Republic of Cape Verde review the implementation of the Agreement and the Protocol thereto and, if necessary, adjust the programming and, if applicable, the financial contribution.

2.2. Management and control system

2.2.1. Risk(s) identified

There is some risk in setting up a fisheries protocol, particularly with regard to the amounts intended to finance the sectoral fisheries policy (under-programming).

2.2.2. Information concerning the internal control system set up

Extensive dialogue is planned on the programming and implementation of the sectoral policy. Joint analysis of results, as referred to in Article 3, also forms part of these control methods.

In addition, the Protocol contains specific clauses for its 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

2.3. Measures to prevent fraud and irregularities

Specify existing or envisaged prevention and protection measures.

The Commission undertakes to establish regular political dialogue with the Republic of Cape Verde with a view to improving the management of the Agreement and

strengthening the EU's contribution to the sustainable management of resources. In any case, any payment which the Commission makes under a fisheries agreement is subject to the Commission's standard rules and budgetary and financial procedures. This makes it possible, in particular, to fully identify the bank accounts of the third countries into which the financial contribution is paid. For this particular Protocol, Article 2(7) stipulates that the entire financial contribution must be paid into a Public Treasury account opened with a financial institution specified by the Cape Verdean authorities.

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

Following the 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. (6)	from EFTA countries ⁷	from candidate countries ⁸	from third countries	within the meaning of Article 21(2)(b) of the Financial Regulation
2	11.03 01 To establish a governance framework for fishing activities carried out by Union fishing vessels in third country waters (SFAs)	Diff.	NO	NO	YES	NO

- New budget lines requested

Following the 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

⁶ Diff. = Differentiated appropriations / Non-diff. = Non-differentiated appropriations.

⁷ EFTA: European Free Trade Association.

⁸ Candidate countries and, where applicable, potential candidate countries from the Western Balkans.

3.2. Estimated impact on expenditure

3.2.1. Summary of estimated impact on expenditure

Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Heading of multi-annual financial framework:	Number 2	Sustainable growth: natural resources
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DG: MARE			Year N ⁹ 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018	TOTAL
• Operating appropriations							
Number of budget line 11.03.01	Commitments	(1)	0.550	0.550	0.500	0.500	2.100
	Payments	(2)	0.550	0.550	0.500	0.500	2.100
Appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the 'envelope' of specific programmes ¹⁰							
Number of budget line 11.010401		(3)	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.097	0.208
TOTAL appropriations for DG MARE	Commitments	=1+3	0.587	0.587	0.537	0.597	2.308
	Payments	=2+3	0.587	0.587	0.537	0.597	2.308

• TOTAL operational appropriations	Commitments	(4)	0.550	0.550	0.500	0.500	2.100
	Payments	(5)	0.550	0.550	0.500	0.500	2.100

⁹ Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

¹⁰ 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 appropriations of an administrative nature financed from the 'envelope' of specific programmes	(6)	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.097	0.208	
TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 2 of the multiannual financial framework	Commitments	=4 + 6	0.587	0.587	0.537	0.597	2.308
	Payments	=5 + 6	0.587	0.587	0.537	0.597	2.308

If more than one heading is affected by the proposal/initiative: NOT APPLICABLE

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

Heading of multi-annual financial framework:	5	'Administrative expenditure'
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Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

		Year N 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)			TOTAL
DG: MARE									
• Human resources		0.113	0.113	0.113	0.113				0.452
• Other administrative expenditure		0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008				0.032
TOTAL DG MARE	Appropriations	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.121				0.484

TOTAL appropriations under HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	(Total commitments = Total payments)	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.121				0.484
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Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

		Year N ¹¹ 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018	Enter as many years as necessary to show the duration of the impact (see point 1.6)			TOTAL
TOTAL appropriations under HEADINGS 1 to 5 of the multiannual financial framework	Commitments	0.683	0.683	0.683	0.683				2.732
	Payments	0.683	0.683	0.683	0.683				2.732

¹¹ Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

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 three decimal places)

Indicate objectives and outputs ↓			Year N 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018	TOTAL					
	OUTPUTS											
	Type ₁₂	Average cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	No	Cost	Total No	Total cost
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 1 ¹³ ...												
- Access to fishing zone	t/yr	N & N+1: EUR 55/t and N+2 & N+3: 65 EUR/t	5 000	0.275	5 000	0.275	5 000	0.250	5 000	0.250	20 000	1.050
- Sectoral	annual	0.250	1	0.275	1	0.275	1	0.250	1	0.250	4	1.050
Subtotal for specific objective No 1				0.550		0.550		0.500		0.500		2.100
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE No 2...												
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Sub-total for specific objective N°2												
TOTAL COST				0.550		0.550		0.500		0.500		2.100

¹² Outputs are products and services to be supplied (e.g.: number of student exchanges financed, number of km of roads built, etc.).

¹³ As described in Section 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:

Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

	Year N ¹⁴ 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018	TOTAL
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HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework					
Human resources	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.113	0.452
Other administrative expenditure	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.032
Sub-total HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.121	0.484

outside HEADING 5¹⁵ of the multiannual financial framework					
Human resources	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.124
Other expenditure of an administrative nature	0.006	0.006	0.006	0.066	0.084
Subtotal outside HEADING 5 of the multiannual financial framework	0.037	0.037	0.037	0.097	0.208

TOTAL	0.158	0.158	0.158	0.218	0.692
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The human resources appropriations required 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.

¹⁴ Year N is the year in which implementation of the proposal/initiative starts.

¹⁵ 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 2015	Year N+1 2016	Year N+2 2017	Year N+3 2018
• Establishment plan posts (officials and temporary agents)				
11 01 01 01 (Headquarters and Commission's Representation Offices)	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
XX 01 01 02 (Delegations)				
XX 01 05 01 (Indirect research)				
10 01 05 01 (Direct research)				
• External personnel (in Full Time Equivalent: FTE)¹⁶				
11 01 02 01 (CA, INT, SNE from the 'global envelope')	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
11 01 02 02 (CA, INT, JED, LA and SNE in the delegations)				
11 01 04 01 ¹⁷	- at Headquarters			
	- Delegations	0.25	0.25	0.25
XX 01 05 02 (CA, SNE, INT – Indirect research)				
10 01 05 02 (CA, INT, SNE – Direct research)				
Other budget lines (specify)				
TOTAL	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

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	Administrative and budgetary implementation of the agreement (licences, monitoring catches, payment, sectoral support), preparation for and participation in joint committees and negotiating subsequent protocols, preparation and implementing legislative acts, correspondence, technical and scientific support. Desk officer + financial assistant + secretarial staff + head of unit (or deputy) + scientific and technical support and collection of licence and catch data 0.95 FTE divided between 0.75 at EUR 132 000/year and 0.2 at EUR 70 000/year.
External staff	Monitoring the implementation of the agreement and provision of sectoral support. Estimated 0.25 FTE, at EUR 125 000/year.

¹⁶ CA = contract staff; LA = local staff; SNE = seconded national expert; INT = agency staff (*intérimaire*); JED = junior expert in delegation (*jeune expert en délégation*).

¹⁷ Sub-ceiling for external staff covered by operational appropriations (former 'BA' lines).

3.2.4. *Compatibility with the current multiannual financial framework*

- Proposal/initiative is compatible with the current multiannual financial framework.
- Proposal/initiative will entail reprogramming of the relevant heading in the multiannual financial framework.

Explain what reprogramming is required, specifying the budget lines concerned and the corresponding amounts.

- Proposal/initiative requires application of the flexibility instrument or revision of the multiannual financial framework¹⁸.

Explain what is required, specifying the headings and budget lines concerned and the corresponding amounts.

3.2.5. *Third-party contributions*

- The proposal/initiative does not provide for co-financing by third parties.
- The proposal/initiative provides for the co-financing estimated below:

Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

	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)			Total
Specify the co-financing body								
TOTAL appropriations co-financed								

¹⁸ See points 19 and 24 of the Interinstitutional Agreement (for the period 2007-2013).

3.3. Estimated impact on revenue

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

Appropriations in EUR million (to 3 decimal places)

Budget revenue line:	Appropriations available for the current financial year	Impact of the proposal/initiative ¹⁹							
		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)			
Article									

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

Specify the method for calculating the impact on revenue.

¹⁹ 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.