

## **MOZAMBIQUE: EEC fishing agreement modified** ION (350) 1/10/88 p.6

Changes have been made to the 1986 text of the three-yearly fishing agreement, which was signed this week by European fisheries commissioner **Antonio Cardoso e Cunha**, on a visit in Maputo (ION n° 348). During a meeting of European and Mozambican fisheries officials in Brussels on September 6 and 7, Mozambican secretary of state for fisheries, Mr. Suleimane, complained about the lack of information on the activities in the Indian Ocean of tuna fishermen from the European Community (EEC) countries. The EEC quota for Mozambique tuna is 18,000 tonnes per year. But the complaints brought no immediate action. The problem is to be raised again during the next meeting of the joint commission which is scheduled for December 7 to 9 in Maputo. On the other hand, Maputo succeeded in having the EEC yearly quota for shallow-water shrimp reduced by 350 tonnes to 646 tonnes. In exchange for this concession, the EEC quota for deep-water shrimp has been increased by 350 tonnes to 1,850 tonnes per year. However, since deep-water shrimp brings in less money for fishermen than shallow-water shrimp, EEC boats have been given two new quotas -- 250 tonnes of deep-water crab and 150 tonnes of prawns. EEC boats fishing in Mozambique waters are from France, Greece, Spain, Italy, West Germany, Portugal and Belgium.