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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on banning deep-sea fishing

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on banning deep-sea fishing

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas in recent years fishing vessel owners have greatly increased deep-sea fishing operations, i.e. below a depth of 800 metres;
 - B. whereas this practice causes great damage to the marine environment and threatens deep-sea species, which are already badly affected;
 - C. whereas fishing vessel owners are not moving fast enough to abandon this practice, even though it would be useful to develop fishing practices that are ecosystem-friendly;
 - D. whereas these initiatives that combine good environmental practices and the need for profitability are likely to make the transition to a sustainable fishing model;
1. Calls on the Commission to initiate a debate that will eventually lead to a total ban on deep-sea fishing in the maritime area of the EU Member States and also in the international waters of the North Atlantic.