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to the Commission**

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The fisheries sector is crucial to the economies of many EU regions. The fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) requires the commitment of all parties.

In this context, and pursuant to the rules on IUU fishing, the Commission has warned the Philippines and Papua New Guinea of its intention to include them in its list of non-cooperating countries, which could lead to a ban on the import of fisheries products.

At the same time, the Commission is processing the Philippines' request for admission to the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP+). The delegated act is likely to be submitted to Parliament in the near future. It seems incoherent that the Philippines should be allowed to benefit from the GSP+ while at the same time being issued with a warning for violating the law on illegal fishing.

Is the Commission aware of this situation? Does it consider it coherent?

Does the Commission see the concession of benefits under the GSP+ as being compatible with infringement of the Regulation on IUU fishing?

Does the Commission intend to adopt any measures, including the suspension of tariff advantages for Philippine fisheries products, until the country has completed the pre-identification process?