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to the Commission**

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Subject: Incidents in Morocco

In early September, the Commission and Morocco agreed on the final details to enable the new fisheries protocol to enter into force and the EU fleet to return to Moroccan fishing grounds.

This is a key agreement for regions that are heavily dependent on fishing, such as Galicia, Andalusia and the Canary Islands, since it permits fishing for around 100 boats and over 700 crew members of seiners and other fishing gears.

Regrettably, a number of incidents have taken place which have prevented European vessels from fishing under the terms of the protocol (for which Morocco is receiving EUR 40 million per year), to the point where Spanish boats have been attacked by Moroccan fishermen, who have broken their fishing gear. This has forced many Spanish boats to leave the fishing grounds.

The EU urgently needs to take firm and immediate action in respect of the Moroccan authorities to ensure compliance with the protocol.

What measures will the Commission take to ensure that the current fisheries protocol is complied with?

Will it compensate the EU fleet for damages?