



Plenary sitting

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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on implementing measures to combat illegal fishing to ensure respect for the law and the environment

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Court of Auditors published special report No 20/2022 entitled ‘EU action to combat illegal fishing – Control systems in place but weakened by uneven checks and sanctions by Member States’;
- B. whereas the EU is one of the world’s main players in the fisheries sector, both in terms of its fishing fleet, comprising around 79 000 vessels, and its place as the largest importer of seafood products (34 % of total world trade);
- C. whereas the EU made a commitment to put an end to illegal fishing by 2020 – an objective that has yet to be met;
 1. Urges the Commission to follow the recommendations given in the special report about control systems and monitoring checks and sanctions by Member States to prevent illegally fished products from being imported into the EU;
 2. Calls on the Commission to take further steps to strengthen cooperation between Member States to encourage them implement measures to combat illegal fishing, also within the EU, to protect European consumers.