WRITTEN QUESTION E-3380/01 by John McCartin (PPE-DE) to the Commission

Subject: Fishing licences/registration and third-country agreements

Can the Commission state whether new fishing vessels, constituting additional tonnage to the Community fleet and which have no quota allocation in Community waters may obtain registration as fishing vessels and under what conditions such registration takes place? Can the Commission also state if registration for such vessels as part of the Community fleet actually constitutes a licence to make private agreements with third countries or to apply for a share of the Community quotas agreed with such countries? Can the Commission state how many such vessels are registered?