

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3455/03  
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to the Commission

Subject: Community Action Plan to protect seabirds from longline fishing

What urgency is the Commission giving to fulfilling its commitment in the reform of the CFP to propose legislation before the end of this year to implement its Community Action Plan to protect seabirds from longline fishing in the context of the FAO International Plan of Action?

Will the Commission propose such legislation without further delay and present a finalised plan to the next session of FAO-COFI in 2005?