

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3897/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Unsustainable fishery by-catches

Have proposals for a requirement for fishing fleets across the world to make use of the latest by-catch exclusion technology been put to the UN Committee on Fisheries (COFI) by EU Member States? What, if any, coordination took place between Member States prior to making such submissions?

What role will the Commission play in coordinating proposals by EU Member States to the next meeting of the UN Committee on Fisheries (COFI) for the use by fishing fleets across the world of by-catch exclusion technology?

What will be the timetable for the submission and coordination of such proposals?