

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1506/04
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to the Commission

Subject: End of the fisheries agreement with Morocco - Compensation for fishermen

Having been in contact with fishermen based in Sesimbra, in Portugal, who used to operate under the fisheries agreement with Morocco, I have learned that there are more than a hundred who have still not received the support to which they are entitled, as provided for in the form of appropriations entered in the 2003 and 2004 Community budgets.

It is difficult to understand how this situation could have arisen, especially since the shipowners have already been paid the compensation owed to them. Can the Commission therefore say whether it knows why this delay has occurred in the payment of aid entitlements to the fishermen who manned the Portuguese fleet that once operated in Morocco?