

WRITTEN QUESTION E-5111/09

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to the Council

Subject:           Operation Atalanta

There is widespread political agreement for the idea of opening an air-sea base in the Seychelles as part of Operation Atalanta. How will this improve the protection operators must provide for their vessels fishing in the Indian Ocean?

How will this measure boost the protection afforded by Atalanta?

Will this base be ready for next year's fishing season and can we count on it to cover an extended protection zone further south, where our vessels fish?