

**Question for written answer E-000150/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Transparency of the fishing activities of third-country vessels in Senegal

In November 2021, Parliament endorsed the renewal of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Senegal. This strengthens and modernises the satellite monitoring systems of fishing vessels and the use of electronic catch records, bolsters the fight against illegal fishing and improves scientific know-how and data collection in the field. This renewal will reinforce transparency and better control the pressure exerted by third-country fleets on Senegal's fishing waters and those of other coastal countries. Despite these improvements, in recent weeks there have been growing complaints from local fishers about the murky activities of Chinese vessels working under the guise of a joint enterprise. Senegalese fishers have reported a significant drop in the quantity and quality of their catches as a result of the operation of these vessels.

In light of this:

1. Are these priorities already among the objectives of the multiannual plan to be drawn up under Article 5(2) of the agreement?
2. Will the quality of data provided on third-country fleet activity be monitored specifically?
3. How might this affect the revision of the fishing opportunities provided for in Article 8 of the agreement?