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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rising fuel prices - special aid for fisheries

Fishing fleets in a number of Member States are being forced to cease operating as a result of rising fuel prices cancelling out their profit margins and making it impracticable for many of them to put out to sea. As a result, the price of fish may also spiral out of control. Emergency measures are therefore needed to alleviate the impact on the sector, with support being provided both for those unable to fish and for those continuing to do so. Over half of Italy's fishing fleets have ceased their operations, while many are discussing the possibility of working two or three days per week. One possible solution to a crisis in this sector may be provided by the EMFAF.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether it plans to take measures to support fishing fleets that have provisionally suspended operations similar to those taken in response to Brexit and the COVID pandemic?
2. Does it plan to make the quota system more flexible year on year?
3. Will it propose additional measures, such as state aid, reduced social security contributions, suspension of tax payments and the extension of COVID loans?