

**Question for written answer E-001917/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Breach of the fisheries agreement with Senegal

The EU fishing fleet – and the Basque pole-and-line fleet in particular – operating off Senegal under the fisheries agreement has been unable to fish on a regular basis for 21 months now, owing to a ban introduced by Senegal that prevents EU vessels from entering the Bay of Hann and obtaining live bait. Furthermore, on 1 January 2022, the Government of Senegal decided not to issue new licences to European vessels.

This situation is intolerable for the European vessels affected by Senegal's decisions. It is also a clear breach of the fisheries agreement concluded in July 2019.

With that in mind:

1. What steps is the Commission taking to remedy the intolerable situation faced by the vessels that are unable to sail in Senegalese waters?
2. Will the fishers affected be given EU aid with a view to going some way towards alleviating the situation that has arisen?