

**Question for written answer E-001549/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: IUU Fishing Action Alliance Pledge

The IUU Fishing Action Alliance Pledge is a political declaration, initially agreed between three countries (the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada), in support of the international fight against IUU fishing¹.

The Pledge aims to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing by: supporting effective regulation and sustainable fisheries management, urging all flag States to effectively control and regulate their fishing vessels, and encouraging international fisheries organisations, multilateral bodies and states to scale up existing efforts to tackle IUU fishing.

The Council confirmed its support for the Commission's intention to sign this Pledge on behalf of the European Union².

1. What are the next steps or concrete measures in which the EU will take part under the IUU Fishing Action Alliance Pledge?
2. Is it envisaged that the Parties subscribing to the Pledge will address the fishing operations of China's distant-water fleet?

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¹ <https://sdgs.un.org/partnerships/founding-iuu-fishing-action-alliance-stimulate-ambition-and-action-fight-against>

² Doc. 5735/23 PECHE 27 (7 February 2023).