

ORAL QUESTION H-0154/01  
for Question Time at the part-session in March 2001  
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Commission

Subject:           Prevention of accidents at sea

This harsh winter has seen numerous accidents at sea which have resulted in deaths, disappearances and great difficulty for those involved in these situations of emergency, shipwreck, drifting, boardings, etc.

Many of the consequences of these situations could have been avoided or mitigated if the crews had had the appropriate personal protection equipment for their work (and had been using it at the time of the incident), something that would be perfectly feasible in this day and age.

Has the Commission considered or is it considering making it compulsory for workers to use safety equipment (such as a suitable lifejacket), or encouraging its use in order to protect against the risk of drowning?

Does it intend to coordinate measures by those Member States involved in fishing activities with a view to the adoption of these safety measures?

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