ORAL QUESTION H-0174/04 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2004 pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure by Daniel Varela Suanzes-Carpegna to the Commission

Subject: Recovery plan for Greenland halibut: extraordinary measures to be taken by the Commission

In view of the serious situation facing the Community halibut fleet in NAFO following the decisions taken in 2003, and given that fresh scientific reports have now been published which give a more positive assessment of the state of halibut stocks, will the Commission back these reports, which are more favourable to the interests of the Community fishing industry, at the NAFO meetings in June and September 2004?

What extraordinary measures has the Commission taken or will it take to protect this fleet and the huge economic and social interests linked to it?

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