ORAL QUESTION H-0156/09 for Question Time at the part-session in April 2009 pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure by Ioannis Gklavakis to the Commission

Subject: Common Fisheries Policy health check - fish farming

In outlining the Common Fisheries Policy's health check, Commissioner Borg stated that the development prospects of fish farming would be reconsidered.

Bearing in mind the environmental, economic and social significance of this sector for coastal regions, will the Commission say which measures are planned for the development of fish farming? How does it intend to proceed as regards the traceability of Community fish farming products? How could it promote the competitiveness of Community products faced with corresponding products from low cost third countries, as part of the EU's competition policies? Has provision been made for production, certification and marketing standards for organic fish farming products?

Bearing in mind that the economic crisis, in conjunction with the vast volume of imports of fish farming products, has affected many units which are unable to meet their financial obligations, will the Commission say whether it is envisaging a specific support scheme for this sector?

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