

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0095/05
pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure
by Philippe Morillon, on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries
to the Council

Subject: Adoption of management measures for Mediterranean fishery resources

In April, the European Parliament adopted its report on the proposal for a Council Regulation on management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea. That report was the fruit of an agreement between Parliament and the European Commission that broke the deadlock over the most contentious points in the proposal, with both parties conscious that the Mediterranean cannot be excluded from the melding of the CFP with sustainable development guidelines, which is a basic objective of the renewed CFP - especially as the only legislation on management in the Mediterranean dates from 1994, when already it was considered somewhat removed from the responsible fishing standards applicable in other Community waters.

The Council has still not managed to reach a decision on the proposal in question.

Since failure to adopt this regulation could mean the EU not honouring international agreements that were inspired by the EU itself, could the Presidency indicate when it anticipates this proposal will be adopted?

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