

**Question for oral answer O-000035/2013
to the Council**

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on behalf of the Committee on Fisheries

Subject: Institutional deadlock regarding multi-annual fisheries management plans

The blockage of the multi-annual fisheries management plans by the Council, which has been going on since 2009, continues to have serious repercussions for the entire fisheries sector and calls into question Parliament's prerogatives as a co-legislator for the Common Fisheries Policy under the Treaty of Lisbon.

The position of the Council on this matter threatens to undermine more generally the supremacy of the ordinary legislative procedure, since it attacks the principle that any derogation from this form of decision-making must be considered to be of an exceptional nature and should only occur when specifically provided for under the Treaty.

The Committee on Fisheries strongly believes that urgent political as well as legal action is necessary to bring the Council back to the negotiating table. For that reason, Parliament has already postponed the adoption of a legislative resolution regarding conservation of fishery resources through technical measures on several different occasions. Following this, the Irish Presidency demonstrated its goodwill by stating its intention to take all practical measures within its powers in order to bring the deadlock to an end.

1. Can the Irish Presidency provide a detailed summary of the actions already taken to find a lasting solution to this issue?
2. When will the Irish Presidency provide the European Parliament with concrete proposals to produce a resolution to the current impasse?

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