

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0520/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Proposal for a regulation on technical measures regarding fisheries in the Mediterranean

European fisheries associations are united in opposition to the proposal for new technical measures for fisheries in the Mediterranean (COM(2003) 746 final).

The proposal would lead to the creation of an unbridgeable gap between Member States and third countries and would permanently hinder the harmonious development of the Mediterranean.

It also ignores the social and economic impact of legislation and the inconsistency of the socio-economic measures contained in structural policy.

Does the Commission intend to withdraw the proposal at the appropriate time and to rewrite the text following genuine, sincere and in-depth consultations with representatives of the industry?