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to the Commission**

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Subject: Urgent measures for the fisheries and aquaculture sector in view of price rises and the war in Ukraine

Since the start of the pandemic the fisheries and aquaculture sector has had to contend with a tough economic crisis, which has now been exacerbated by the recent rise in energy prices.

Now there is the Russian-Ukrainian war, with fuel prices that are almost certain to continue rising, hitting historic highs in many Member States. All this has caused much disquiet in many EU fleets, with fishers demonstrating and going on strike because they are no longer able to recoup their costs when they put to sea to fish.

Added to this, first-sale fish prices are too low to cover the rise in production costs, which further hits the fishers' profits, forcing many to abandon fishing.

Given the current conditions, it is doubly necessary to ensure the survival of the EU's productive sectors in order to guarantee food supplies and food security.

In the light of the above:

1. Will the Commission take urgent extraordinary measures to tackle the problems facing EU fleets by reimbursing additional costs caused by the energy and fuel price rises, and by protecting the sector from instability on the markets?
2. Does it view the current situation as an emergency, in which recourse to the EMFAF and adjustment of the guidelines on State aid might be envisaged, to provide fishing operators with further support?

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