

# Procedure file

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	Fisheries	<a href="#">2435</a>	11/06/2002
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21/10/2002	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A5-0362/2002</a>	
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## Fishing: action plan for the eradication of illegal, undeclared and unregulated fishing

**PURPOSE** : to present Community action plan for the eradication of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. **CONTENT** : the control of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is one of the international community's priorities for action to ensure the sustainability of fisheries worldwide. The European Community has played an active role in drawing up the international plan of action to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The plan, which was prepared by the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI) within the framework of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, was endorsed by the FAO Council on 23 June 2001. In accordance with the commitments it has given, the European Community must now adopt the measures needed to implement the plan agreed at international level in the Community. As Community rules in this area/on this matter are already relatively developed, the aim of this working paper is not to draw up a list of the resources available for controlling IUU fishing. Instead, new measures or initiatives need to be identified that should be undertaken under Community rules, in the context of regional fisheries organisations, or by international multilateral organisations in order to achieve that goal. To fight illegal fishing and ensure sustainable fisheries beyond EU waters, the Commission is putting forward an action plan to - strengthen and complete the international legal order with a view to eliminating both the use of flag-of-convenience vessels and the practice of landings in ports without proper controls; - improve the evaluation of stocks that are accessible to EU fishermen outside EU waters; - obtain better scientific advice on the state of the stocks before concluding new partnership agreements with the third countries concerned and to - reform the EU framework for control of fishing activities outside EU waters.?

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The committee adopted the report by Niels BUSK (ELDR, DK) welcoming the action plan presented by the Commission and making a number of recommendations. In particular, it called on the Commission to: - submit a detailed report to Parliament on experience gained from the east Atlantic; - ensure that regional fisheries organisations keep a scoreboard of the contracting parties' follow-up action on breaches of the rules governing the conservation and management of fish resources; - propose amendments to the Control Regulation to ensure that all vessels entering EU ports or sailing in EU waters, whether or not they fly an EU flag, are marked according to the FAO guidelines for the marking and identification of fishing vessels; - give priority, when concluding future agreements with third countries, to providing aid for implementation by those countries of the FAO's international action plan for combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; - ensure that EU coastal and port states meet FAO good conduct standards; - extend the use of catch certificates, which are easily recognisable and difficult to forge. The committee also called on the EU to close all of its ports to fishing vessels flying flags of convenience, vessels engaged in IUU fishing and fish transport vessels that have transhipped cargo from such vessels. ?

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The European Parliament adopted a resolution on illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, based on the report by Niels BUSK (ELDR, Denmark). Please refer to the document dated 21/10/02. In addition, Parliament called on the Commission to: -grant aid to coastal states in their fight against IUU via its bilateral and multilateral aid programmes in cooperation between the Fisheries DG, the Development DG and the External Relations DG; -ensure that adequate financial resources are earmarked for raising the awareness of the fishing industry, consumers and the general public about the need to combat IUU fishing.?