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MR JEAN-CLAUDE JUNCKER
PRESIDENT OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Statement of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008

DEAR MR JUNCKER,

On a sitting held on 27 January 2016, the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds within the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008.

The committee members welcomed the initiative of the European Commission regarding the sustainable management of external fishing fleets. At the same time, after examining the proposal for a Regulation and taking into consideration the framework position of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as the report of the Agriculture and Foods Committee in the National Assembly, the MPs expressed a Statement supporting the proposal for a Regulation.

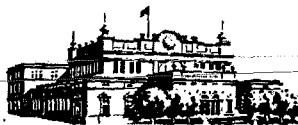
In the light of the above-mentioned, please find enclosed the adopted Report and Statement, which reflects the Bulgarian Parliament's position on the subject.

ENCLOSURE: as per text.

YOURS SINCERELY,

PRESIDENT OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

TSETSKA TSACHEVA



**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

STATEMENT

**OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
ON THE PROPOSAL FOR A REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
AND OF THE COUNCIL ON THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN
FISHING FLEETS, REPEALING COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 1006/2008, COM
(2015) 636 OF 10 DECEMBER 2015**

On a regular session held on 27 January 2016, the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds (CEAOEF) within the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria discussed the above-mentioned Proposal for a Regulation.

Following the discussion on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of foreign fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008, COM (2015) 636 of 10 December 2015, and taking into account the opinion of Agriculture and Food Committee, CEAOEF expresses the following statement, which is to be forwarded to the European institutions in the framework of the political dialogue:

1. CEAOEF supports the Proposal for a Regulation, which should improve the EU control over fishing fleets and contribute to the conservation of fishery resources of the Union;
2. CEAOEF takes into account the fact that the Proposal for a Regulation covers the measures for conservation of marine biological resources under the Common Fisheries Policy, which lies within the exclusive competence of the European Union (Art. 3 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union), and the fact that the principle of subsidiarity does not apply to those measures (Art. 5, paragraph 3 of the Treaty on European Union);
3. CEAOEF notes that the Proposal for a Regulation is consistent with articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union in respect of the powers conferred on the Commission to adopt delegated and implementing acts;
4. CEAOEF finds that the proposed Regulation complies with the principle of proportionality set out in Art. 5, paragraph 4 of the Treaty on European Union as it does not create additional administrative and financial burden and thus does not exceed what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the proposal.