



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Dear President,

The Commission would like to thank the Senat for its Opinion concerning the Commission proposal for a Regulation defining characteristics for fishing vessels - recast {COM (2016) 273 final}.

The purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2930/86 of 22 September 1986 defining characteristics for fishing vessels as amended by Council Regulation (EC) No 3259/94. As a result, it would not bring about any modifications to the current state of the law, with the exception of the provision conferring delegated powers on the Commission to adapt the requirements for the determination of continuous engine power to technical progress.

The Commission takes note of the Senat's concerns regarding the determination of the fishing capacity of the Romanian fleet in the Common Fisheries Policy and the allocation keys agreed as a result of the accession negotiations. These issues cannot be addressed through this codification proposal, which is intended to consolidate and not to modify the current state of the law.

The points made above are based on the initial proposal presented by the Commission which is currently in the legislative process involving both the European Parliament and the Council in which the Romanian government is represented.

The Commission hopes that these clarifications address the issues raised by the Senat and looks forward to continuing our political dialogue in the future.

Yours faithfully,

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