**Question for written answer E-002403/2025/rev.1**
**to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Systematic violation of Greek territorial waters by Turkish fishing vessels

Recently, there have been a particularly high number of reports of illegal activities by Turkish fishing vessels in the Greek territorial waters[1] of the Aegean Sea (Lesvos, Chios, Samos, Rhodes, Kalymnos, Farmakonisi, Leros, Fourni, Agathonisi, etc.). According to the Archipelagos Institute of Marine Conservation[2], Turkish vessels systematically fish in areas under Natura 2000 protection. This causes a number of problems, including the destruction of vulnerable marine ecosystems, including Posidonia beds and juvenile fish, and serious environmental damage. On occasion, the vessels are accompanied by the Turkish Coast Guard, with a view to circumventing checks[3]. The situation threatens fisheries' sustainability and border security and undermines the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).

The EU has sole competence for the conservation of marine fisheries resources in the national waters of the Member States (see Article 3(1)(d) TFEU and the CFP), also in the context of the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (EE-L-179/3, 23.6.1998), which it has ratified and which confirms the obligation to conserve resources within territorial waters and EEZs.

In view of the above:

What measures will the Commission take to implement Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 and Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 with regard to non-EU countries?

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[1] https://www.tribune.gr/politics/news/article/894889/oi-toyrkoi-psareyoyn-paranoma-entos-ellinikon-ydaton-kataggellei-o-paraskeya-dis.html
[2] https://archipelago.gr/provocative-incidents-of-illegal-fishing-by-turkish-trawlers-in-greek-territorial-sea/
[3] https://archipelago.gr/ongoing-illegal-fishing-of-turkish-trawlers-in-greek-waters-lack-of-action-from-the-greek-authorities