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Subject: Impact of the crisis in the Middle East on the European fishing sector

The ongoing crisis in the Middle East has led to instability and spikes in oil prices.

This directly affects the European fishing sector, as it is highly dependent on fuel for the operation of fleets. However, countries such as Greece, which have a large number of fishing communities operating on a large scale at sea, are made to bear the brunt of this impact.

For many fishers, and small-scale fisheries in particular, fuel costs already represented one of the biggest operating expenses. The recent price spikes could lead to further economic restriction, reduced fishing activity and additional economic pressure on coastal and island communities.

With this in mind, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What data does it use to assess the impact of recent oil price increases on the viability of the European fishing fleet?
2. Is it considering the possibility of activating exceptional European support measures for the fishing sector – reinforcing national initiatives?

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