

Conflicto entre buques de pesca españoles y las autoridades de Gibraltar

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a la Comisión

Artículo 138 del Reglamento interno

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Tras finalizar el acuerdo de pesca entre la UE y Marruecos el pasado 17 de julio, los buques pesqueros del golfo de Cádiz que faenan cerca del peñón de Gibraltar se enfrentan a un constante acoso por parte de las autoridades del Gobierno del peñón de Gibraltar, colonia británica actualmente considerada país tercero por la UE.

El sector pesquero de La Línea de la Concepción (Cádiz) lleva pescando toda la vida en esas aguas sin ningún problema. Sin embargo, desde hace unos años, ellos aseguran que esas aguas son suyas y que ahí no pueden pescar los españoles, y se dedican a acosar a los pesqueros con las patrulleras gibraltareñas.

No es la primera vez que se producen estos incidentes y, además, llegan en un marco en el que, al no haber acuerdo con Marruecos, los pescadores tienen que faenar más en estas aguas.

Ante esta situación, se pide a la Comisión que conteste a lo siguiente:

- 1.¿Es conocedora la Comisión de esta situación que están afrontando estos pescadores en el golfo de Cádiz?
- 2.¿Qué medidas puede adoptar la Comisión en colaboración con el Gobierno español para defender a estos pescadores europeos?

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Since the conclusion of the fisheries agreement between the EU and Morocco on 17 July 2023, fishing vessels in the Gulf of Cádiz operating near the Rock of Gibraltar have faced constant harassment from the authorities of the Government of Gibraltar, a British colony now considered a third country by the EU.

The fisheries sector in La Línea de la Concepción (Cádiz) has been fishing in those waters for entire lifetimes without any problems. However, in recent years, Gibraltar's authorities have asserted that the waters are their own and that Spanish vessels cannot fish there, and they have sent out patrol vessels to hound Spanish vessels.

It is not the first time that incidents of this kind have taken place. What is more, they are happening at a time when, in the absence of an agreement with Morocco, fishers have to fish more in those waters.

In the light of the foregoing:

- 1. Is the Commission aware of the state of affairs that fishers are facing in the Gulf of Cádiz?
- 2. What steps can the Commission take, in cooperation with the Spanish Government, to protect them?

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Answer given by Vice-President Šefčovič
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The Commission is aware of the incidents raised by the Honourable Member.

The Commission recalls that, in line with Articles 4(2) and 52 of the Treaty on European Union, the EU respects the territorial integrity of Member States and that the territorial scope of the Treaties is defined by reference to the territories of the Member States where EU law applies.

The Commission, on behalf of the EU and in close cooperation with Spain, is currently negotiating an agreement with the United Kingdom in respect of Gibraltar which would ensure enhanced cooperation in the area of Campo de Gibraltar and contribute towards diminishing the occurrence of similar incidents.