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to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Seafood and globalisation

A recent documentary on a Franco-German television channel showed how shrimps caught in the North Sea are processed first in Morocco, then in the Netherlands, before being sold in Germany: the shrimps travel 6 756 kilometres over 13 days between being caught and sold.

This documentary illustrates one of the flaws of globalisation, namely the distance covered by some seafood which is processed far from the catch area and the place of consumption.

This mode of production and consumption is neither environmentally nor socially sustainable.

Will the Commission endeavour to reduce the distance travelled by processed seafood products? Will it seek to devise economic and legal levers that will help us return to a more environmentally friendly mode of production and consumption allowing jobs to be relocated?