

**Question for written answer E-014896/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Union for the Mediterranean

Following the first Ministerial Conference of the Union for the Mediterranean, which took place yesterday in Brussels and which brought together the Commissioner Karmenu Vella and the Ministers of Maritime Affairs from the 43 Member States of the Union for the Mediterranean, a Joint Declaration was adopted.

This Joint Declaration, which is intended to form the basis for effective and result-oriented cooperation in the blue economy and management of the sea, concluded that there is a need for the Mediterranean region to start utilising the potential of the blue economy in an optimal manner. It also concluded that there is a need to promote the natural and cultural heritage of the Mediterranean region, to promote sustainable models for exploitation and production, and to enable all Mediterranean countries to fully realise and enjoy the benefits of the blue economy in line with international law.

In connection with these conclusions, and taking particular account of the new common fisheries policy (CFP), does the Commission plan to amend Council Regulation (EC) No 1967/2006 of 21 December 2006 concerning management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean Sea, amending Regulation (EEC) No 2847/93 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1626/94, in order to bring it into line with the provisions of the new CFP? If so, when?