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fairness with the fish we eat

European Union
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Fish consumption

Dear Mrs Damanaki

Thank you for your reply of September 10.

Based on the Green Paper published by the Commission in April 2009, we sure agree upon the fact that Europe's Common Fisheries Policy has been disastrous. An effective reform of this policy will have to observe the cardinal limiting factor which is the amount of fish available in the long run, and not the increasing amount of fish Europeans would like to gulp.

Even sustainable fishing cannot create more fish than nature provides. Aquaculture on the other hand is sustainable at best if fully renouncing at fish meal and fish oil. Up to present, we did not read something like that in the Commission's statements with regard to the CFP reform. It rather looks as if the Commission was determined to continue a campaign that will deprive the consumers from fish at all not too far from now.

If fish is really so crucial for human health, we should not eat it all away without leaving anything for future generations. The most important benefit of fish according to medical scientists is its high content in Omega 3 which is brought into the marine food chain by the microalga Ulkenia. Oil based on Ulkenia has been accredited by the Commission and accordant products are at the market. Why should we then exterminate fish when we can get what we need more directly?

Kind regards

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