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SUBJECT: IUU fishing and labour slavery in Thailand
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TEXT:

On the 21 April 2015 the European Commission issued a yellow card to Thailand in line with the Illegal Unregulated Unreported fishing (IUU) Regulation. This decision starts a formal procedure of dialogue with the national authorities to make them take the necessary corrective measures within the six coming months. During the last fisheries committee meeting - in camera, the Commission detailed the major shortcomings of the Thai fisheries management regime.

Thailand is being reported since 2013 for practices of modern slavery as forced labour, child labour and human trafficking (2013 ILO report, 2015 Environmental Justice Foundation report). Most of this modern slavery has systematically been found in the Thai fishing chain industry.

Thailand is one of the world's major exporters of fish in the international market, mainly in the EU and the USA.

1. In the context of the regular dialogue with the Thai Government, which measures is the High Representative taking in order to improve efforts to eradicate modern slavery from seafood supply chains?
2. Is the High Representative making this issue a priority in its diplomatic relations with Thailand?

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