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Greens/EFA call for EU Commission support on bluefin tuna ?CITES' protection

Greens/EFA MEPs Isabella Lövin (Sweden) and Raül Romeva (Spain) have written to Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso to request the Commission's support for a proposal to list bluefin tuna on Appendix 1 of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The Commission position on this issue is expected to be resolved on Wednesday, 9 September, the same day that Mr. Barroso will personally present his programme for a new term as Commission President to the Greens/EFA Group.

The Green MEPs remind Mr Barroso of the EU's direct responsibility in the precarious situation of bluefin tuna and of his recent programme pledge to "put fisheries on a sustainable footing". "Anything less than a moratorium is no longer sufficient", they conclude.

Read the full letter to Commission President Barroso.

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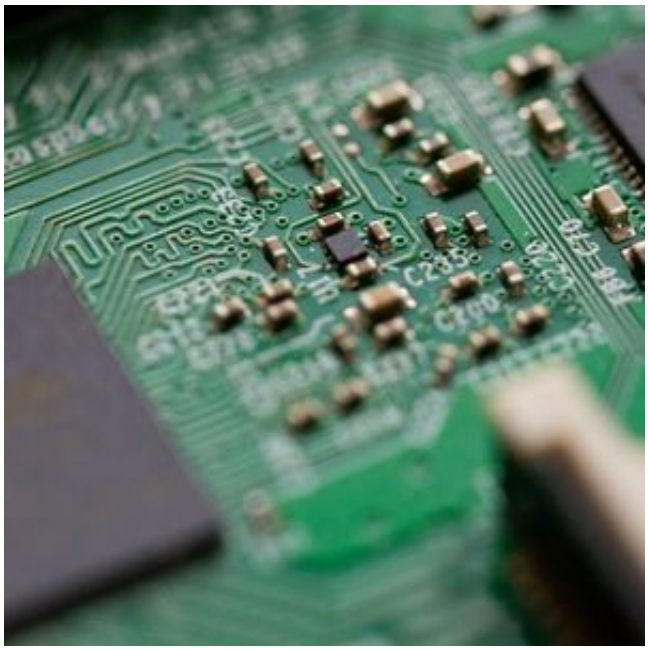


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