Towards a new maritime strategy

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Following Mr Allesandro DANESIN (UFE, I) in his report on the Commission Communication "Towards a new maritime strategy", the Committee is asking the Commission and the member states to take urgent measures to stop the current state of decline of Europe's shipping industry. Measures suggested include: - the member states of the EU should adopt financial and fiscal incentives to facilitate investments in ships by companies; - measures should be examined to attract young people to the maritime profession and to encourage the training and retraining of seafarers; - new legislative proposals to put an end to the progressive transfer of shipping activities from the EU to other countries; - measures should be taken in fiscal and economic spheres to encourage EU shipowners to take on crews from the EU and reduce the costs of employing people on ships.