**Prime Minister Zapatero**
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*Spain*

Dear Prime Minister Rodríguez Zapatero:

As a citizen of the European Union (EU), I am writing to express my serious concern over Spain's problematic stance on the EU ban on finning - cutting off a shark's fins and discarding its body at sea. I am appalled that Spain has attempted to block and stall amendments that are essential for closing loopholes in the ban and ensuring an end to this wasteful practice.

As Europe's top shark fishing nation, Spain has a responsibility to advance rather than hinder shark conservation. Indeed, the sustainability of Spanish shark fisheries depends on such stewardship.

Many EU Member States have called for the swift strengthening of the EU finning ban and Spain has endorsed the EU Shark Action Plan that sets a path for these improvements. I urge you to ensure that the Spanish government ceases efforts to impede progress with these urgent revisions and instead actively promotes these and other initiatives to responsibly limit the fishing and trade of our vulnerable sharks.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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