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## Reasoned Opinion on Subsidiarity

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on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management COM(2013)133

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The Flemish Parliament,

- Whereas:

- 1° The purpose of the proposal, particularly the development of a framework for maritime spatial planning (MSP) for the furtherance of eco-system based economic growth for the sea and coastal areas, is endorsed;
- 2° The proposal nonetheless provides too little substantiation of what would be the added value of European obligations regarding maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management compared to the harmonisation currently already taking place between Member States with shared marine or coastal areas;
- 3° The alleged advantages are not in reasonable proportion to the exorbitant administrative burden that comes with developing maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management strategies;
- 4° The proposal for a Directive does not take into consideration the specific needs of the different maritime areas;
- 5° Nothing prevents the Member States from adopting maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management plans by themselves and such a European requirement is not necessary;
- 6° The common rules that apply to the plans for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management strategies are very general;

- Finds that the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for maritime spatial planning and integrated coastal management (COM (2013) 133) is in breach of the Principle of Subsidiarity as defined in article 5 (3) of the Treaty on European Union.