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This document lists the acts adopted by the Council in January 2016.<sup>1 2</sup>

It provides information on the adoption of legislative acts, including:

- the date of adoption,
- the relevant Council session,
- the number of the document adopted,
- the Official Journal reference,
- applicable voting rules, voting results and, where appropriate, explanations of vote and statements published in the minutes of the Council.

This document also contains information on the adoption of non-legislative acts that the Council has decided to make public.

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<sup>1</sup> With the exception of certain acts of limited scope such as procedural decisions, appointments, decisions of bodies set up by international agreements, specific budgetary decisions, etc.

<sup>2</sup> In the case of legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure, there may be a difference between the date of the Council's meeting where the legislative act is adopted and the actual date of the act in question, since legislative acts adopted in the ordinary legislative procedure are only considered to have been adopted after signature by both the President of the Council and the President of the European Parliament and the Secretaries-General of the two institutions.

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## INFORMATION ON THE ACTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL IN JANUARY 2016

### Written procedures completed on 14 January 2016

#### NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS

| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS |
|--|-----------------------|
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/35 of 14 January 2016 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran<br>OJ L 10, 15.1.2016, p. 15–16    | 5104/16               |
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/36 of 14 January 2016 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran<br>OJ L 10, 15.1.2016, p. 17–17    | 5105/16               |
| Council Regulation (EU) 2016/31 of 14 January 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran<br>OJ L 10, 15.1.2016, p. 1–2 | 5122/16               |

### 3442nd meeting of the Council of the European Union (ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 15 January 2016

#### LEGISLATIVE ACTS

| ACT  | DOCUMENT | VOTING RULE        | VOTES                       |
|--|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Regulation (EU) 2016/1035 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on protection against injurious pricing of vessels<br>OJ L 176, 30.6.2016, p. 1–20  | 25/15    | Qualified majority | All Member States in favour |
| Regulation (EU) 2016/96 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 amending Regulation (EU) No 1236/2010 laying down a scheme of control and enforcement applicable in the area covered by the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-East Atlantic fisheries<br>OJ L 26, 2.2.2016, p. 13–18 | 61/15    | Qualified majority | All Member States in favour |

| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS  |                       |
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| ACT   | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS |
| Council Regulation (Euratom) 2016/52 of 15 January 2016 laying down maximum permitted levels of radioactive contamination of food and feed following a nuclear accident or any other case of radiological emergency, and repealing Regulation (Euratom) No 3954/87 and Commission Regulations (Euratom) No 944/89 and (Euratom) No 770/90<br>OJ L 13, 20.1.2016, p. 2–11  | 5226/15               |
| Council Decision (EU) 2016/357 of 15 January 2016 on the position to be adopted by the European Union within the EU-the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Stabilisation and Association Council on the participation of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia as an observer in the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' work and the respective modalities thereof, within the framework set out in Articles 4 and 5 of Regulation (EC) No 168/2007, including provisions relating to participation in initiatives undertaken by the Agency, to the financial contribution and to staff<br>OJ L 67, 12.3.2016, p. 31–34 | 11416/14              |
| Council Implementing Decision approving the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Strategic Cooperation in the fight against serious crime and terrorism between the United Arab Emirates and Europol  | 10510/15              |
| Council Implementing Decision approving the conclusion by the European Police Office (Europol) of the Agreement on Operational and Strategic Cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Europol   | 10509/15              |
| Council Decision (EU) 2016/63 of 15 January 2016 concerning the accession of Croatia to the Convention drawn up on the basis of Article K.3(2)(c) of the Treaty on European Union on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of Member States of the European Union<br>OJ L 14, 21.1.2016, p. 23–24   | 15245/15              |
| Council Decision (EU) 2016/402 of 15 January 2016 concerning the signing and conclusion of the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the European Union on security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information<br>OJ L 74, 19.3.2016, p. 1–2   | 14259/15              |

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| Agreement between the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Albania and the European Union on security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information<br>OJ L 74, 19.3.2016, p. 3–7                                       | 14259/15              |
| Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Kingdom of Morocco in order to conclude a security of information agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Morocco  | 14260/15              |
| Council Conclusions on the Annual Growth Survey  | 15564/15              |
| Council Conclusions on the Alert Mechanism Report  | 15565/15              |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 16 January 2016</b>  |                       |
| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS   |                       |
| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS |
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/37 of 16 January 2016 concerning the date of application of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1863 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran<br>OJ L 11I , 16.1.2016, p. 1–2              | 5166/16               |
| <b>3443rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 18 January 2016</b>   |                       |
| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS   |                       |
| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS |
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/50 of 18 January 2016 amending Decision 2014/219/CFSP on the European Union CSDP Mission in Mali (EUCAP Sahel Mali)<br>OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 48–49   | 14482/15              |
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/51 of 18 January 2016 in support of the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) in the framework of the EU Strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction<br>OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 50–59 | 14878/15              |

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| Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya and repealing Regulation (EU) No 204/2011<br>OJ L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 1–26  | 12764/15  |
| Council Conclusions on Lybia   | 5253/16   |
| Council Conclusions on the Middle East Peace Process   | 5332/16   |
| <b>3444th meeting of the Council of the European Union (GENERAL AFFAIRS) held in Brussels on 18 January 2016</b>   |   |
| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS   |   |
| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS   |
| Council Decision (EU) 2016/77 of 18 January 2016 confirming the position taken on behalf of the European Union within the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization as regards export competition and development issues<br>OJ L 16, 23.1.2016, p. 23–24   | 14970/15  |
| <b>Statement by the Commission</b><br><p>The Commission welcomes the adoption of the Council Decision confirming the position taken on behalf of the European Union within the 10th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization as regards export competition and development issues.</p> <p>The Commission notes that it is proposed that a Decision of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council be adopted on this matter by common accord as regards the position of the Member States in the WTO. The Commission considers that a Council Decision would be legally sufficient to support the approval of the Ministerial decision, and that such separate Decision is unwarranted since trade in transport services falls within the framework of the EU competencies as defined by the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.</p> |   |
| <b>Written procedure completed on 18 January 2016</b>  |   |
| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS   |   |
| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS   |
| Council Regulation (EU) 2016/73 of 18 January 2016 fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks in the Black Sea<br>OJ L 16, 23.1.2016, p. 1–5  | 15319/15<br>Voting rule: Qualified majority<br>Voting result: All Member States in favour |

**Statement by Bulgaria and Romania on turbot**

Bulgaria and Romania commit, in the context of the adoption of the Regulation fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks in the Black Sea, and in addition to the full implementation of the provisions of the Action Plan of 16 December 2014 to implement the following measures:

**Turbot**

- reduce by 20 % for Bulgaria and 15 % for Romania the 2015 level of fishing authorisations for Turbot combined with a minimum allocation per boat (to avoid inappropriately small allocations);
- reduce their respective number of designated ports for landings to 7 for Bulgaria and 10 for Romania in order to streamline the control of landings;
- implement a strict policy for the recording of all catches, including below 50 kg, in corresponding logbooks, landing declarations and sales notes of all authorised vessels,
- increase significantly the number of joint market inspections and inspections at sea, including during the closed season, based on a risk assessment methodology and an action plan agreed with the European Commission and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) including joint actions under the coordination of EFCA,
- intensify the work to inform the public about the technical conditions and closed season applying to Turbot fishing activities.
- any other measures that are deemed necessary to address the misreporting, the illegal fishery of Turbot in the Black Sea and the marketing of the catches illegally caught in the region in close cooperation with the Commission and the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA).

**Statement by Bulgaria and Romania on Piked dogfish**

Bulgaria and Romania commit

- to limit their respective catches of Piked Dogfish in 2016 to the 2015 level of their catches and to inform the Commission on a quarterly basis of the actions taken to meet this objective,
- to reduce significantly the 2015 level of fishing authorisations for Piked dogfish,
- to implement a strict policy for the recording of all catches, including below 50 kg, in corresponding logbooks, landing declarations and sales notes of all authorised vessels as well as vessels having by-catches of dogfish.

**Council and Commission statement on control issues**

The Council and the Commission consider that in order to address the misreporting and illegal fishery of turbot in the Black Sea, the implementation of control and monitoring measures established since 2012 should be further improved. The relevant Member States should dedicate the necessary efforts to address systemic deficiencies in their control system and to ensure effectiveness of the measures that have been decided.

An evaluation of the degree of implementation of these measures together with a review of their efficiency should be carried out by the Commission before 30 June 2016, in view of any action that may be required to address the situation.

**II. Ad regional cooperation****Council and Commission Statement**

The Council and the Commission agree that the existing regional cooperation on fisheries in the Black Sea should be further enhanced in order to promote sustainable stock management in this area and will continue to take restrictive actions in line with their competences. To this end, the EU is committed to submit proposals as from 2016 to the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) to adopt measures for Turbot and Piked dogfish reflecting the measures for the said species already being implemented within the European Union part of the Black Sea and favourably consider proposing any other measures with a view to reaching MSY in 2020.

The Council and the Commission also agree that these proposals should include the establishment of international management measures, such as long-term management plans and catch limitation schemes at regional level, in line with the precautionary approach and with a view to provide high long-term yields to achieve fishing mortality at MSY by 2020. The proposal for long-term management plans will also contain measures related to control and joint inspections between riparian states, as well as scientific monitoring and adjustment mechanisms to reflect the situations of the relevant fish stocks.

Furthermore, the EU will seek to ensure that GFCM pay particular attention to the full compliance of its Members and the Cooperating non-Members of GFCM to implement the actions established in the roadmap for fighting against IUU in the Black Sea adopted in 2013.

**Council Statement**

The Council invites the Commission to continue its efforts to promote coordinated fisheries management in the Black Sea on a bilateral basis with the individual Black Sea coastal states.

**Commission Statement**

The Commission will closely monitor the respect of the commitments undertaken by Bulgaria and Romania and take any appropriate measure to enforce these commitments and obligations of Bulgaria and Romania for the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy.



**Written procedures completed on 22 January 2016****NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS****ACT**

Council Regulation (EU) 2016/72 of 22 January 2016 fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104  
OJ L 22, 28.1.2016, p. 1–165

**DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS**

15521/15  
Voting rule: Qualified majority  
Voting result: All Member States in favour

**Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission****Ad TAC top-ups**

The Council and the Commission note the commitment of the Member States concerned to provide timely and accurate data on discards to improve knowledge on discards by the fleets and vessels under the landing obligation in 2016 and in subsequent years. On the basis of such information and available scientific advice, including scientific observer programmes, when calculating quota top-ups due to the landing obligation, the Commission will take into account the utilisation of the de minimis provision in 2016. Without prejudice to applicable legislation, the Commission commits to propose an additional top-up taking into account any utilisation under the maximum percentage applicable for the next management year (2017).

## **Joint Statement by the Commission, France, Belgium and the United Kingdom**

### **Ad common sole in VIId**

The Commission notes the assessment of the management measures introduced by France and Belgium in 2015 to support the recovery of the eastern Channel stock. Nursery areas for this stock are located in estuarine areas and bays and the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) indicates that these measures are expected to provide beneficial effects and recognises the vital role played by nurseries in the productivity of the sole stocks and the necessity to protect juveniles. Inside these areas, the Commission will, if appropriate, seek further scientific advice before 2017 on measures that would benefit the conservation of juveniles of this stock. Upon such advice, the Member States commit to consider measures which will efficiently protect juveniles of this stock in the areas recommended by such scientific body.

The Commission also welcomes the implementation of additional French conservation measures in 2016: i) strengthen the protection of the nursery areas, ii) increase the area closed to fishing within the nursery areas, and iii) increase the minimum conservation reference size to 25 cm for French vessels in accordance with EU legislation, where appropriate.

The Commission and the Member States concerned welcome the management strategy proposed by the North Western Waters Advisory Council based on a constant Total Allowable Catch to manage this stock and assessed by the STECF in 2015.

In light of the positive assessment of the STECF, and notwithstanding relevant topups for this stock in application of the landing obligation, it is appropriate to set a TAC of 3000 tonnes for 2016 corresponding to a 14% decrease as compared to 2015. The Commission and the Member States concerned agree that the following rules should be considered in future years unless scientific advice indicates that they are no longer appropriate: i) keep the TAC constant at 3000 tonnes, ii) if the biomass in any year before 2020 is below the precautionary level (Bpa), then the TAC will be set at a level corresponding to a fishing mortality equal to FMSY and iii) if ICES indicates in 2019 that the fishing mortality in 2020 risks being above FMSY, then the TAC will be set at a level corresponding to a fishing mortality in line with FMSY. If the fishing mortality is below FMSY for any 2 consecutive years before 2020 then the Commission will request the STECF to provide advice on the situation of this stock.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and France****Ad Penaeus shrimps in French Guiana**

The Commission acknowledges the importance of the TAC of Penaeus shrimps (PEN/FGU) in French Guiana to the local economy and livelihood of coastal communities but remains concerned about the level of exploitation of this stock. France, in line with the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries' suggestions, commits to investigate possible environmental changes and recruitment overfishing synergetic effects. In this view, France commits to improve the scientific knowledge of this stock by i) launching no later than April 2016 a sentinel fishery programme, ii) developing a fully analytical model for this stock and iii) promoting further cooperation and coordination in the relevant Regional Fisheries Management Organisation so as to enhance conservation efforts for this stock.

On the basis of the best scientific advice available, France commits to establish, if possible for 2016 a TAC in accordance with Article 6 of the Fishing Opportunities Regulation, and in any case, no later than 2018, should the scientific studies referred to above under i) and ii) not be completed by 31 December 2016. The Commission reserves the right to request scientific advice of the progress and the results achieved by such studies.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and the Council****Ad skates and rays**

The Council and the Commission acknowledge that Member States are investigating alternative management approaches for the TACs of skates and rays. The Commission commits to submit such approaches, once finalised, to the relevant scientific advisory bodies.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad pollack in IX and X; Union waters of CECAF 34.1.1**

In the light of possible misidentification and misreporting of catches of pollack as whiting in area IX, the Commission will request ICES to assess whether this would imply changes to its advice for pollack in area IX. If ICES revises its advice, the Commission will consider whether it is appropriate to propose, as soon as possible, an amendment of the TAC for 2016.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and the Council****Ad common sole in VIIIab**

The Commission and the Council agree that the TAC for 2016 is set while noting that the scientific advisory bodies may revise relevant reference points for the stock in 2016. Following any such revision, the Commission may propose a revised TAC, in line with the management strategy referred to in the statement "Sole in VIIIab (Bay of Biscay)" in Council document 5092/15 of 9 January 2015. The Council notes the commitment of the Member States concerned to implement the revised scientific advice without any delay in spring 2016, even if it requires setting the TAC at the level of MSY in 2016.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad Sole in VIIa**

The assessment for sole in the Irish Sea is primarily informed by a single scientific survey and it has been identified that the survey coverage may not be fully representative of the stock distribution. This issue is currently under scientific examination. While no directed fishery is permitted by-catches of sole in the various fisheries are unavoidable. The Commission, in consultation with the Member States concerned, will explore with the Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries at the beginning of 2016 the possibilities and conditions for further possible scientific fisheries.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad Herring in Union and international waters of Vb, VIb and VIaN and VIaS, VIIb, VIIc**

The Commission welcomes the efforts of Member States and stakeholders to improve the knowledge on the herring stocks in Divisions VIa and VIIb,c, and the effort to develop a rebuilding plan for the stocks. A small commercial fishery should facilitate further scientific research, especially to help determine the identity and structure of the two separate stocks. The Commission will early in 2016 seek scientific advice on the appropriate elements that are needed for such fisheries, on the period when and the geographical area where they should take place. In light of this advice, and without prejudice to the Commission's right of initiative, the Commission may propose TACs, before the end of February, for herring VIa(S), VIIbc and for herring in Union and international waters of Vb, VIb and VIaN.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad horse mackerel in IXa**

The Member States with a direct fisheries management interest in pelagic fisheries in South-Western waters are invited to present a joint recommendation, together with supporting scientific information, to adjust the minimum conservation reference size for the limited amount of horse mackerel caught in traditional small-scale fishery in ICES division IXa.

**Joint Statement by the Commission, the United Kingdom and Denmark****Ad Licences for Union vessels in Faroese waters**

The Commission and Member States concerned commit to cooperate to ensure maximum effective use of licenses in Faroese waters.

**Statement by Spain****Ad Anchovy in IX**

Spain acknowledges the need to improve the scientific assessment of the anchovy stock in area IXa in order to enable an analytical assessment. To this end, in 2016 Spain will commit the necessary scientific resources to develop a model supporting ICES scientific advice for 2017.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and the Council****Ad Fully documented fisheries for cod in the North Sea**

The Commission and Council agree that continuation of the catch quota scheme is maintained for one further year to facilitate transition towards full implementation of the landing obligation and to allow the continuation of the current monitoring regime. The scheme will be discontinued at the end of 2016 given that the landing obligation is expected to enter into force in 2017.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and the Council****Ad Haddock in VIIa**

The Commission and the Council understand that the assessment model for haddock in the Irish Sea is no longer fit for its purpose. They encourage ICES to make every effort to find a suitable solution at the upcoming ICES benchmark in 2016.

**Joint Statement by the Commission, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom****Ad TAC top-ups and discard rates in different management areas**

The Commission and BE, DK, DE, NL, SE and UK are of the opinion that the quota adjustments should be based on the best available data for the different management areas. For the North Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat this would mean that fleet specific estimations of discard levels (by the Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fishery) should be used in line with the discard plan for 2016.

BE, DK, DE, NL, SE and UK note that the quota adjustments for 2016 may not fully reflect the discard levels that have been caused by the different management areas subject to the landing obligation.

The Commission will continue working with the Member States and the relevant scientific bodies with a view to identify any necessary improvements of the method in 2017 and in the future implementation of the landing obligation.

**Statement by the United Kingdom****Ad Norway Lobster in Area IV Farn Deep**

The UK notes the proposal from the North Sea Advisory Council for management of the area IV Norway lobster stock in the Farn Deep (Functional Unit 6). Building on this and noting the poor condition of the stock, we are finalizing a package of national measures, under scientific advice of UK scientists, for the stock's recovery. We will consult on these and put them in place no later than March 2016.

The UK will submit a question to the STECF spring plenary to evaluate the UK national measures and advise on the optimal package of measures required to deliver the recovery of the stock, including through achievement of Fmsy by 2017.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad the cod recovery plan**

The Commission notes the request of the UK to replace Regulation (EC) 1342/2008.

Following the judgment of the Court of Justice in Joined Cases 124/13 and 125/13, the Commission is conscious of the need to have the appropriate provisions in place in due time and is ready to help the Council and the Parliament in order to achieve this aim.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad sea bass**

The Commission notes that the 1% by catch rule of Article 10 para 2, is without prejudice to the obligation to land all catches as set out in Article 15 of the Basic Regulation. The Commission will monitor the landings of sea bass caught under the by-catch provision in order to assess whether the by-catch provision is sufficient.

**Joint Statement by the Commission and the Council****Ad statement stable stocks**

The Council and the Commission note that the fishing opportunities regulations include a number of TACs for stocks for which there is limited information on stock status and which are of low economic importance, or are taken only as by-catches, or which show low levels of quota uptake. In that respect, the Council and the Commission recall their statement concerning such stocks made in 2015 and note that perception of the status of any of these stocks has not significantly changed during 2015. Therefore the Council and the Commission continue to consider it appropriate to constrain catches at or below the TAC levels fixed for 2015. To this end, without prejudice to the Commission's right of initiative and the Council's prerogatives under Article 293(1) TFEU, the Commission and the Council consider that it appears at this stage desirable to maintain the 2015 TAC level for the stocks listed below for the following three years.

The Commission will however continue working with the Member States and the relevant scientific bodies in order to improve the scientific information on these stocks. If the perception of the status of any of these stocks changes significantly during this period, the Council and the Commission agree that this should be taken into account for the purpose of establishing TAC levels for 2017, as appropriate.

| Common name          | TAC Unit                                    |
|----------------------|---|
| Blue Ling            | EU and international waters of II and IV    |
| Blue Ling            | EU and international waters of III          |
| Cod                  | VIIb (Rockall subunit)                      |
| Common sole          | VI, Vb, international waters of XII and XIV |
| Common sole          | VIIbc                                       |
| Common Sole          | VIIhjk                                      |
| Herring              | VIIef                                       |
| Greater silver smelt | EU and international waters of I and II     |
| Greater silver smelt | EU and international waters of III and IV   |
| Ling                 | EU and international waters of I and II     |
| Ling                 | IIIa  |
| Ling                 | EU and international waters of V            |
| Plaice               | Vb(EU waters), VI, XII, XIV                 |
| Plaice               | VIIbc                                       |
| Plaice               | VIIhjk                                      |
| Plaice               | VIII, IX, X and CECAP 34.1.1                |
| Pollack              | Vb(EU waters), VI, XII and XIV              |
| Pollack              | VIIIc                                       |
| Pollack              | IX, X, CECAP 34.1.1 (EU)                    |
| Saithe               | VII, VIII, IX, X, CECAP 34.1.1 (EC)         |
| Sole                 | VIIIcde, IX, X, CECAP (EU)                  |
| Sprat                | VIIde                                       |
| Whiting              | VIIa  |
| Tusk                 | IIIa and EU 22-23                           |
| Tusk                 | EC I, II, XIV                               |
| Tusk                 | EC waters of IV                             |

**Joint Statement by Spain and Portugal****Ad use of the reserve of blue whiting**

Spain and Portugal request to the European Commission that the reserve of blue whiting of the TAC for 2016, consisting of 25 000 tons for future swaps with Norway, is used mostly for Arctic cod.

**Joint Statement by Spain and France****Ad Bay of Biscay anchovies**

Spain and France intend to request that the 2016 TAC for anchovies in zone VIII be revised, on the basis of the recommendation which may be made to this end by the South Western Waters Regional Advisory Council.

**Joint Statement by Belgium, Denmark, Germany and France****Ad Hague Preferences**

Belgium, Denmark, Germany and France are of the opinion that the scales for the allocation of quotas for Member States were finally agreed upon in 1983. These scales constitute the basis of relative stability, which is a principle established by the Basic Regulation governing the Common Fisheries Policy. It is our opinion that Hague preferences are contrary to the principle of relative stability.

**Statement by the Commission****Ad undulate ray in area IX**

With the introduction of the by-catch quota for undulate ray in areas VII and VIII earlier in 2015, Member States, including Portugal and Spain, having a direct management interest in this fishery committed (Council document 6936/15 of 10 March 2015) to implement a series of important management measures. Following the same logic and in line with the STECF advice in 2015 the Commission considers that these measures should be extended to area IX where a by-catch quota is established.

Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/78 of 22 January 2016 implementing Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran  
OJ L 16, 23.1.2016, p. 25–26

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Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/74 of 22 January 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran  
OJ L 16, 23.1.2016, p. 6–7

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| Written procedures completed on 28 January 2016  |                       |
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| NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTS   |                       |
| ACT  | DOCUMENT / STATEMENTS |
| Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/119 of 28 January 2016 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Tunisia<br>OJ L 23, 29.1.2016, p. 65–76                               | 15460/15              |
| Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/111 of 28 January 2016 implementing Regulation (EU) No 101/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia<br>OJ L 23, 29.1.2016, p. 1–13 | 15461/15              |