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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

Statement by Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain

The following Member States, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain acknowledge this amendment aims to clarify Regulation 1380/2013. This amendment restricts the extension of discard plans to just three years, whereas these Member States wish to have a longer extension possibility. Because of time constraints the Member States decided to support the Commission proposal.