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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Council REGULATION fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas for 2024 • Statement by France and Italy

Delegations will find attached a statement from the French and Italian delegations in relation to the above-mentioned draft Regulation.

STATEMENT BY FRANCE AND ITALY regarding the voluntary basis of the implementation of the compensation mechanism regarding the West Med MAP

In order to avoid any difficulties in the implementation of the provisions related to compensation mechanism, it is necessary to clarify that the measures reported in article 7 of the Draft proposal of the “*Council Regulation fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas for 2024*” are meant to be exclusively implemented on a voluntary basis and are not designed to be mandatory for Member States.

The Commission should consider this voluntary approach in the implementation of the compensation mechanism for every Member State.