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Non-legislative activities

FISHERIES

3. **Communication on the state of play of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2023** 9483/22

*Presentation by the Commission
Exchange of views*

The Council held an exchange of views on the Commission communication entitled ‘Towards more sustainable fishing in the EU: state of play and orientations for 2023’.

AGRICULTURE

4. **Situation on agricultural markets, in particular following the invasion of Ukraine** 9789/22

*Information from the Commission and the Member States
Exchange of views*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission on the situation on agricultural markets, of delegations’ comments and questions, and of the Commission’s replies. The Council will return to this issue at a forthcoming meeting.

It also noted that several delegations had stressed the need for adjustments to certain CAP cross-compliance rules for 2023, inviting the Commission to provide an appropriate response. It also took note of delegations’ wish to have the strategic plans approved as soon as possible.

The Council also took note of information provided by Croatia on major damage to agricultural production and to certain rural areas in Croatia as a result of unfavourable weather conditions.

Any other business

Fisheries

6. (a) **European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF): Programming process** 9798/22
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the comments made by delegations.

Agriculture

- (c) **Major damage to agricultural production and to certain rural areas in the Republic of Croatia as a result of unfavourable weather conditions** 10012/22
Information from the Croatian delegation

Item 6(c) was addressed under item 4.

Statements relating to the non-legislative 'B' items set out in 9904/22

Re agenda item 3:

Communication on the state of play of the common fisheries policy (CFP) and consultation on the fishing opportunities for 2023

Presentation by the Commission

Exchange of views

**JOINT STATEMENT BY DENMARK, ESTONIA, FINLAND, GERMANY, LATVIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND AND SWEDEN
on the actions regarding unsustainable fishing activities of the Russian Federation**

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Statements relating to the non-legislative ‘A’ items set out in 9905/22

Re agenda item 5:

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel for the transition to clean energy

Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument

Re agenda item 6:

Joint Statement on Energy and Climate with the Arab Republic of Egypt

Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument

STATEMENT BY GERMANY

‘Germany supports the intention to have a Joint Declaration with Egypt on energy and climate, and a trilateral MoU with Egypt and Israel on LNG but regrets that the process has not allowed for substantial and proper inclusion of the Council in the negotiations, emphasising that the Council working group MaMa is not an energy-political format where such MoUs and Joint Declarations should be solely discussed.

Both the MoU and the Joint Declaration concern member states’ international energy-political interests, which is why Germany wishes to urge the Commission to improve on its coordination with member states in such matters.’

Re agenda item 12:

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel for the transition to clean energy

Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument

STATEMENT BY HUNGARY

‘Regarding the reference to the Global Compact for Migration, Hungary reminds that it has not adopted the compact and is not participating in its implementation. Hungary does not share the view that migration can be a solution for demographic and labour market challenges. Instead of promoting, facilitating or managing migration, efforts should be made to reduce and eliminate the root causes of this phenomenon. The focus should be on providing assistance to third countries locally, by creating conditions more conducive to stable growth and development, thereby allowing people to stay and live in their home countries in peace and prosperity.

In view of the above, Hungary was able to accept the reference to the Global Compact for Migration in a spirit of compromise, having in mind the urgent need to conclude the Association Agenda, taking into account the partner’s priorities; with the interpretation that implementation applies only to the Republic of Moldova and not to the Member States.’