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Delegations will find here attached the AT statement on the EMFF Partial General Approach.

Agriculture and Fisheries Council – 18 June 2019

Item Partial General Approach – EMFF

Regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

Statement by Austria

Austria regrets that the co-financing rates and aid intensities have been raised considerably compared to the original Commission proposal. The implementation of the CFP is a common task for the EU, its Member States and the sector. High co-financing rates will lead to an increased dependency on the EU budget, while high aid intensities will reduce the direct responsibility of the private sector. Consequently, the leverage effects of the EMFF are substantially curtailed.

In addition, Austria is concerned that some of the newly introduced eligible operations might lead to an increase in capacity and thus to overfishing and therefore might endanger the results achieved so far in the implementation of the CFP.