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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulations (EU) 2019/1919, (EU) 2021/91 and (EU) 2021/92 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2021 in Union and non-Union waters • Statements for the minutes of the Council

Delegations will find in Annex the Statements for the minutes of the Council regarding the above mentioned Regulation as they were set out in document ST 10562/2/21 REV2.

ANNEX

STATEMENTS

Statement by Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden on the application of Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and of Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 for COD/03AN, COD/2A3AX4, COD/07D and PRA/03A in 2021

Given that the biomass of the stocks of COD/03AN, COD/2A3AX4 and COD/07D is below Blim and that the biomass of the stock of PRA/03A is below Btrigger and that only by-catch and scientific fisheries will be permitted in 2021, in order to ensure the recovery of the stocks in accordance with Regulations (EU) 2018/973 and (EU) 2019/472, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden undertake not to make use of inter-annual flexibility under Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and under Articles 3 and 4 of Regulation (EC) No 847/96 with regard to these stocks in 2021. This undertaking is a response to the current exceptional circumstances for these stocks.

Draft statement by the Council

The Council requests the Commission to follow-up the effective implementation of the TAC deductions by the UK in the context of the landing obligation, and to inform the Council at the latest by 1 October 2021 on the application of the methodology used by the UK, and the exact deductions made by stock. If no adequate information on this can be provided by that date, the Council will discuss how to proceed further.