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Written procedure completed on 1 October 2019	CM 4187/19
<i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1663 of 1 October 2019 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ L 252, 2.10.2019, p. 36–37	12131/19
Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1663, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya OJ C 331, 2.10.2019, p. 3–3	12143/19
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1663, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya apply OJ C 331, 2.10.2019, p. 4–4	12143/19
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<i>Public access to documents</i> Confirmatory application No 19/c/04/19	12440/19
<i>Council Implementing Decision on the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1671 of 4 October 2019 on the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of the European Central Bank OJ L 256, 7.10.2019, p. 8–9	12029/19
<i>Council Decision on a EU Stabilisation Action in support of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Yemen</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1672 of 4 October 2019 on a European Union action in support of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mechanism in Yemen OJ L 256, 7.10.2019, p. 10–16	12037/19

<i>Council Decision on the EU position in view of the written procedure at the Committee of Technical Experts of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)</i> Council decision (EU) 2019/1763 of 4 October 2019 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Committee of Technical Experts of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) as regards certain modifications to the National Vehicle Registers (NVR) specification and the Uniform Technical Prescriptions — Telematics applications for freight services (UTP TAF) OJ L 270, 24.10.2019, p. 79–80	11365/19
3717th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Justice and Home Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 7 and 8 October 2019 (Minutes: 12912/19)	
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<i>Regulation on Union action following accession to the Geneva Act (Geographical Indications)</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/1753 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the action of the Union following its accession to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 1–11	74/1/19 REV 1
<i>Directive on whistleblowers</i> Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law OJ L 305, 26.11.2019, p. 17–56	78/1/19 REV 1
<i>Directive amending Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management</i> Directive (EU) 2019/1936 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 amending Directive 2008/96/EC on road infrastructure safety management OJ L 305, 26.11.2019, p. 1–16	69/2/19 REV 2

<i>Regulation on European Social Statistics</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/1700 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 October 2019 establishing a common framework for European statistics relating to persons and households, based on data at individual level collected from samples, amending Regulations (EC) No 808/2004, (EC) No 452/2008 and (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1177/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98 (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 261I, 14.10.2019, p. 1–32	63/1/19 REV 1
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<i>Prüm Decisions: Council Implementing Decision on automated vehicle registration data exchange (VRD) in Ireland</i> Council Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1697 of 7 October 2019 on the launch of automated data exchange with regard to vehicle registration data in Ireland OJ L 259, 10.10.2019, p. 63–64	7290/19
<i>Schengen evaluation Recommendation - Estonia return</i> Council Implementing Decision setting out a recommendation on addressing the deficiencies identified in the 2018 evaluation of Estonia on the application of the Schengen acquis in the field of return	12573/19
<i>Council Decision supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda regarding the negotiations of a multilateral framework on investment facilitation</i> Council Decision supplementing the negotiating directives for the Doha Development Agenda regarding the negotiations of a multilateral framework on investment facilitation	10973/19
<i>Bonn Agreement</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union at the Thirty-First Meeting of the Contracting Parties on the amendments to the Agreement for Co-operation in Dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances ('Bonn Agreement') with regard to the extension of the scope of application of the Agreement and with regard to the accession of the Kingdom of Spain to the Agreement	12187/19

Council Decision (EU) 2019/1727 of 7 October 2019 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Bonn Agreement with regard to the Ministerial Declaration and the Bonn Agreement Strategic Action Plan (BASAP) 2019-2025 annexed thereto OJ L 263, 16.10.2019, p. 9–31	12188/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position to be adopted in the WTO General Council to extend the CBERA waiver</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1708 of 7 October 2019 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the adoption of a decision to extend a WTO waiver permitting the United States to provide preferential tariff treatment under the US Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) OJ L 260, 11.10.2019, p. 48–49	12117/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position to be adopted in the WTO General Council to extend the Developing Countries waiver for LDCs</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1709 of 7 October 2019 establishing the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the General Council of the World Trade Organization on the adoption of a decision to extend a WTO waiver permitting developing country Members to provide preferential tariff treatment to products of least developed countries OJ L 260, 11.10.2019, p. 50–51	12121/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position on the extension of the EU-Morocco Action Plan 2013-2018</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/2156 of 7 October 2019 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Association Council set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Kingdom of Morocco, of the other part, as regards the adoption of a recommendation on the extension of the EU-Morocco Action Plan implementing the advanced status (2013-2017) OJ L 327, 17.12.2019, p. 75–77	12181/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position in the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee</i> Council Decision 2019/1748 of 7 October 2019 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee established by the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part, as regards the modification of Annex V to Chapter 4 of that Agreement OJ L 268, 22.10.2019, p. 53–72	11922/19

<i>Council Decision on the accession of EU to the Geneva Act (Geographical Indications)</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1754 of 7 October 2019 on the accession of the European Union to the Geneva Act of the Lisbon Agreement on Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications OJ L 271, 24.10.2019, p. 12–14	6929/19
3718th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Economic and Financial affairs) held in Luxembourg on 10 October 2019 (Minutes: 13002/19)	
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<i>Amendments of the European Parliament to the Council's position on DAB No 4/2019</i> Non-approval of the European Parliament's amendment(s)	12757/19
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<i>Public access to documents</i> Confirmatory application No 28/c/01/19	12411/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position within the EU-Armenia Partnership Committee as regards the establishment of the list of arbitrators</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1736 of 10 October 2019 on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Partnership Committee established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part, as regards the establishment of the list of individuals to serve as arbitrators in dispute-settlement proceedings OJ L 265, 18.10.2019, p. 4–6	12152/19

3719th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Agriculture and Fisheries) held in Luxembourg on 14 and 15 October 2019 (Minutes: 13107/19)	
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<i>eu-LISA Regulation: Council Decision on Ireland's opt-in</i> Council Decision 2019/1749 of 14 October 2019 concerning the request of Ireland to take part in some of the provisions of the Schengen acquis relating to the European Union Agency for the Operational Management of Large-Scale IT Systems in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (eu-LISA) OJ L 268, 22.10.2019, p. 73–76	12543/19
<i>Council Decision on the signing of the Visa Facilitation Agreement with Belarus</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1915 of 14 October 2019 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Belarus on the facilitation of the issuance of visas OJ L 297, 18.11.2019, p. 1–2	12361/19
<i>EPPO: Decision appointing the European Chief Prosecutor</i> Decision 2019/1798 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 October 2019 appointing the European Chief Prosecutor of the European Public Prosecutor's Office OJ L 274, 28.10.2019, p. 1–2	6966/19

3720th meeting of the Council of the European Union (Foreign Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 14 October 2019 (Minutes: 13108/19)	
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<i>Council Decision and Implementing Regulation on Al Qaida restrictive measures - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1721 of 14 October 2019 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 concerning restrictive measures against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 64–65	12071/19
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1717 of 14 October 2019 implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 imposing additional restrictive measures directed against ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaeda and natural and legal persons, entities or bodies associated with them OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 11–12	12074/19
<i>Council Decision on Chemical Weapons restrictive measures - review</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1722 of 14 October 2019 amending Decision (CFSP) 2018/1544 concerning restrictive measures against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 66–66	12163/19
<i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1720 of 14 October 2019 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 58–63	11725/19
Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 of 14 October 2019 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Nicaragua OJ L 262, 15.10.2019, p. 1–10	11726/19

3721st meeting of the Council of the European Union (General Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 15 October 2019 (Minutes: 13109/19)	
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<i>EMIR CCP Supervision</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/2099 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 as regards the procedures and authorities involved for the authorisation of CCPs and requirements for the recognition of third-country CCPs OJ L 322, 12.12.2019, p. 1–44	88/1/19 REV 1
<i>Amendments of the European Parliament to the Council's position on the draft budget for 2020</i> Non-approval of the European Parliament's amendment(s)	12712/19
Written procedure completed on 17 October 2019	CM 4403/19
<i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic - UN transposition</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1737 of 17 October 2019 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic OJ L 265, 18.10.2019, p. 7–9	12330/19
Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1735 of 17 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in the Central African Republic OJ L 265, 18.10.2019, p. 1–3	12575/19

3723rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) held in Luxembourg on 24 October 2019 (Minutes: 13565/19)	
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<i>Brexit contingency proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (EGF) (2014-2020)</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/1796 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1309/2013 on the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund (2014-2020) OJ L 279I, 31.10.2019, p. 4–6	92/1/19 REV 1
<i>Brexit contingency proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/1797 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters OJ L 279I, 31.10.2019, p. 7–10	94/1/19 REV 1
<i>Brexit contingency proposal on the periods of application of Regulation (EU) 2019/501 and Regulation (EU) 2019/502</i> Regulation (EU) 2019/1795 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2019 amending Regulations (EU) 2019/501 and (EU) 2019/502 as regards their periods of application (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 279I, 31.10.2019, p. 1–3	91/1/19 REV 1

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<i>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Seychelles on access for fishing vessels flying the flag of the Seychelles to the waters of Mayotte</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union with the Republic of Seychelles for the conclusion of an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles on access for fishing vessels flying the flag of the Seychelles to waters and marine biological resources of Mayotte	12321/19
<i>Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with São Tomé and Príncipe</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2019/2219 of 24 October 2019 on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community OJ L 333, 27.12.2019, p. 31–32	12200/19
<i>Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with São Tomé and Príncipe</i> Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community	12199/19
<i>Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with São Tomé and Príncipe</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/2218 of 24 October 2019 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community OJ L 333, 27.12.2019, p. 1–2	12198/19

Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community OJ L 333, 27.12.2019, p. 3–30	12202/19
<i>Public access to documents</i> Confirmatory application No 24/c/01/19	11750/19
<i>Public access to documents</i> Confirmatory application No 25/c/01/19	11807/19
<i>Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with Cape Verde on the amendment of the VFA</i> Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the Republic of Cabo Verde for the conclusion of an agreement amending the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde on facilitating the issue of short-stay visas to citizens of the Republic of Cape Verde and of the European Union	12898/19
<i>Council Implementing Decision on cooperation agreement Eurojust Serbia</i> Council Implementing Decision approving the conclusion by Eurojust of the Agreement on Cooperation between Eurojust and Serbia	10334/19
<i>Protocol for the participation of the Palestinian Authority in Union Programmes</i> Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on the general principles for its participation in Union programmes	12667/19
Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Interim Association Agreement on trade and cooperation between the European Community, of the one part, and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) for the benefit of the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, of the other part, on a Framework Agreement between the European Union and the Palestinian Authority of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip on the general principles for its participation in Union programmes	12669/19

<i>Council Decision on EDF contributions: ceiling 2021, annual amount 2020, 1st instalment 2020 and forecast 2022-2023</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1800 of 24 October 2019 on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the ceiling for 2021, the annual amount for 2020, the first instalment for 2020 and an indicative and non-binding forecast for the expected annual amounts of contributions for the years 2022 and 2023 OJ L 274, 28.10.2019, p. 9–11	12974/19
<i>Council Decision on EDF contributions: third instalment for 2019</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1801 of 24 October 2019 on the financial contributions to be paid by Member States to finance the European Development Fund, including the third instalment for 2019 OJ L 274, 28.10.2019, p. 12–14	12985/19
<i>GATT Article XXVIII Agreement with Switzerland on seasoned meat</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1864 of 24 October 2019 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation in the context of negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 on the modification of Switzerland's WTO concessions with regard to seasoned meat OJ L 289, 8.11.2019, p. 1–2	12481/19
<i>Council Decision on the signing and conclusion of a status of mission agreement concerning EUCAP Somalia</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/155 of 24 October 2019 on the signing and conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Federal Republic of Somalia on the status of the European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia (EUCAP Somalia) OJ L 34, 6.2.2020, p. 3–4	12529/19

<i>Council Decision, Regulation and Implementing Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1788 of 24 October 2019 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1763 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 147–149	12618/19
Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1779 of 24 October 2019 implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 5–6	12621/19
Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1777 of 24 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Burundi OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 1–2	12627/19
<i>Council Decision concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1789 of 24 October 2019 amending Decision 2010/573/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the leadership of the Transnistrian region of the Republic of Moldova OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 150–151	12717/19
<i>Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea</i> Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1790 of 24 October 2019 amending Decision 2010/638/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 152–153	12724/19
Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1778 of 24 October 2019 amending Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 imposing certain specific restrictive measures in respect of the Republic of Guinea OJ L 272, 25.10.2019, p. 3–4	12726/19
Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1790, and in Council Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1778 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea OJ C 361, 25.10.2019, p. 4–4	12844/19
Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/638/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 1284/2009 concerning restrictive measures against the Republic of Guinea apply OJ C 361, 25.10.2019, p. 5–5	12844/19

<i>Democratic Republic of the Congo restrictive measures - pre-notification of amended statements of reasons</i> Intended amended statements of reasons	13292/19
<i>Council Decision on the EU position within the EEA Joint Committee concerning an amendment to Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms [Extended Climate Cooperation EU – Iceland – Norway]</i> Council Decision (EU) 2019/1843 of 24 October 2019 on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, within the EEA Joint Committee concerning the amendment of Protocol 31 to the EEA Agreement, on cooperation in specific fields outside the four freedoms (Text with EEA relevance) OJ L 282, 4.11.2019, p. 25–34	12638/19
Written procedure completed on 30 October 2019	CM 4587/19
<i>Council Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/124 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters</i> Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 of 30 October 2019 fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/124 as regards certain fishing opportunities in other waters OJ L 281, 31.10.2019, p. 1–14	13239/19

Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden and the Commission on the mitigation of the socio-economic effects of the crisis in the Baltic fisheries The Council has decided on necessary and unprecedented fishing restrictions for the eastern cod stock whilst also setting severe limits for the western cod stock and the western herring stock. Especially the eastern cod stock is at unprecedentedly low levels and suffers from many harmful man-made environmental and ecosystem influences in addition to fishing pressure. The agreed objective is to support the recovery of the stocks towards sustainable levels, as envisaged in the Baltic Sea multi-annual management plan. However, a recovery cannot be expected for several years. This situation will therefore lead to redundant fishing fleet capacity and to adverse socio-economic consequences for communities and fishing businesses in the Member States that are affected. The Member States in the Baltic Sea and Commission therefore emphasize the importance of ensuring proper management of the crisis and effective control measures of fisheries to avoid spillover effects into fisheries of other species. The Baltic Sea Member States and the Commission recognise that the alarming situation in the Baltic Sea ecosystems requires urgent, joined-up and comprehensive action to tackle the root causes of that situation. The Member States concerned therefore declare that they: - recognise the need to effectively and urgently address at source the key environmental pressures in the Baltic Sea area (such as pollution, eutrophication, habitat degradation), through the implementation of the relevant EU legislation and, where appropriate through additional measures, e.g. innovative measures. Those measures will also be included in an integrated way in the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan. - if they need to reduce fleet capacity to manage the adverse socio-economic consequences of the decline of the fisheries, they will present to the Commission a plan in accordance with Article 22 of the CFP regulation⁴ that ensures that their fleet will achieve and maintain a balance with fishing opportunities.	13250/19
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⁴ Regulation (EU) No1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy

The Member States of the Baltic Sea therefore invite the Commission to urgently put forward a proposal for an amendment of the EMFF Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 508/2014) to allow support for permanent cessation (art 34) and temporary cessation (art 33) of fishing vessels. Proper management of the crisis in the Baltic fisheries requires mitigation of the adverse socio-economic consequences without delay. Given the urgency of this crisis, these measures should be available as soon as possible in 2020.

The Commission will therefore urgently consider all possible initiatives in order to achieve the economic, social and sustainability objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy, of the Baltic MAP and the EMFF and in particular to achieve and maintain a balance between the fleet and fishing opportunities. The necessary restructuring of these fleets will be an immediate priority in this context, including through funding support.

The Commission will urgently assess the action plans Member States will adopt pursuant to Article 22 of the CFP Regulation, in order for their swift implementation.

The Member States concerned recognise that in view of the need to reduce fleet capacity, it is important to avoid public aid for investments in additional fishing capacity.

The Commission has a positive view to the use of Member State's national financing to alleviate negative socio-economic effects in the Baltic fisheries provided that these national schemes are in line with the Commission guidelines on state aid to the fishery and aquaculture sectors. The Commission is prepared to process swiftly the notifications of these national schemes in accordance with applicable rules and, if found compatible by the Commission, the costs incurred by the beneficiaries in compliance with the rules on incentive effects can be found eligible as from the date on which the aid application was submitted by the beneficiary to the national authorities.

To improve the scientific information on the weakening of cod and herring stocks, and assist in the development of long-term action plans for the recovery of those stocks, funding for scientific studies may be available from the work programme 2020 under EMFF direct management.

The relevant Member States in the Baltic Sea will explore possible joint measures to reduce the impact of a large seal population on the fish stocks and fisheries such as on the parasites infesting cod.

Statement by the Commission on Western cod and Western herring stocks In case of new scientific advice concerning the conservation reference points of western herring, the Commission will consider appropriate proposals to amend the fishing opportunities for western herring for 2020. In case of new scientific advice concerning the TAC level for western cod, the Commission will consider appropriate proposals to amend the fishing opportunities for western cod for 2020.	13250/19
Statement by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden on the application of Article 15(9) in the Basic Regulation for Eastern cod in 2020 Given that the biomass of the stock of Eastern Baltic cod is below Blim and that only by-catch and scientific fisheries will be permitted in 2020, in order to ensure the recovery of the stocks in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/1139, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Sweden undertake not to make use of inter-annual flexibility under Article 15(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 with regard to this stock in 2020. This undertaking is a response to the current exceptional circumstances for the Eastern cod stock.	13250/19
Joint Statement by the Commission and Germany on the option of support for the temporary cessation of fishing activities by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Point (b) of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks allows the Member States to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy. Germany confirms its intention to make use of this provision, by introducing additional closure periods for the Western Baltic Cod and the Western Baltic Herring stocks in sub-divisions 22-24. The Commission and Germany agree that this emergency measure under point (a) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003 is eligible for funding from the EMFF.	13250/19