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- Danish comments

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Delegations will find attached written comments by the Danish delegation on the above-mentioned recommendation.

**Preliminary written comments from the Danish delegation on COM (2020) 637:
Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION to authorise the Commission to open
negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of the Fisheries Agreement
with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Norway**

The Danish Delegation wants to thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments to this proposal from the Commission.

At this stage there is very limited information available concerning the thinking behind the proposal, therefore the comments below are made, on the basis of certain assumptions. Thus, it might be necessary to provide additional comments at a later stage.

Denmark maintains a parliamentary and general scrutiny reservation.

The Danish Delegation understands that the mandate is to conclude a framework agreement, governing the general trilateral cooperation on fisheries management between EU, Norway and the United Kingdom.

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We expect that discussions of a trilateral framework agreement will only be initiated if an agreement, including on fisheries, is signed for the future relation between EU and UK.

We would ask the Commission to circulate the letter sent to Norway on 10 September 2020, concerning the revision of the 1980-framework agreement.