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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Fishing opportunities 2023: Fish stocks shared with the UK

- Exchange of views

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1. The Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, entered into force on 1 May 2021, setting out a new framework for the joint management of fish stocks in EU and UK waters. The Parties have agreed on shared objectives and on a set of principles as regards the exploitation of shared stocks in their respective waters (Heading V, Part II, TCA).
2. Under the terms of the TCA (Article 498), the two Parties hold annual consultations to determine the total allowed catch limit for each fish species and their respective fishing rights. Approximately 100 fish stocks are considered as a shared resource in the Atlantic and North Sea (they are listed in Annex 35 of TCA).
3. The European Commission conducts the annual consultations with the UK on behalf of the Union, in accordance with the TCA, and in line with UNCLOS and the Common Fisheries

Policy ('CFP') basic Regulation<sup>1</sup>, on the basis of the Union position specified by the Council.

4. In October 2021, the Council adopted a Decision concerning the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the annual consultations with the United Kingdom to agree total allowable catches. This Decision establishes the principles and orientations to guide the annual consultations on the fish stocks shared between the EU and the UK in the years to come, on a multiannual basis with a process to specify the Union position each year.
5. The Commission services are expected to submit a non-paper with suggestions for the EU's positions, covering the EU-UK, EU-Norway and EU-UK-Norway consultations for 2023<sup>2</sup>.
6. The consultations with the United Kingdom are due to begin before the end of October, continue in several rounds throughout November and conclude at the latest by 10 December. The draft Written Record detailing the outcome of those consultations would be submitted for Council approval before the corresponding EU shares can be reflected in the deliberations on fishing opportunities for 2023 at the AGRIFISH Council on 12-13 December.
7. In light of the above, the Council is invited to provide guidance, by holding an exchange of views on priorities ahead of the fisheries consultations on the fish stocks shared between the EU and the United Kingdom for 2022.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1954/2003 and (EC) No 1224/2009 and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 2371/2002 and (EC) No 639/2004 and Council Decision 2004/585/EC (OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22).

<sup>2</sup> ST 12526/22.