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MEETING ON MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021

Non-legislative activities

FISHERIES

3. **Council Regulation fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities applicable in the Baltic Sea** ☐ 12210/21
12571/21
11398/21 + ADD 1
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Art. 43(3) TFEU)
Political agreement

The Council reached a political agreement on the Regulation fixing for 2022 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea, with Ireland and Germany indicating that they would vote against. Given the need for a timely adoption, the Council agreed to the use of the written procedure for the adoption of this Council Regulation.

4. **Fishing opportunities 2022: Fish stocks shared with the UK** ☐ 12138/21
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the priorities and main objectives for the consultations with the United Kingdom for total allowable catches for 2022.

5. **EU-Norway and Coastal States: Fisheries consultations for 2022** 12136/21
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the fisheries consultations with Norway and the Coastal States for 2022.

6. **ICCAT annual meeting (15-22 November 2021)** 12137/21
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the ICCAT annual meeting to be held in November 2021

AGRICULTURE

7. **Preparation of CAP strategic plans** 12304/21
Exchange of views

The Council exchanged views on the preparation of Member States' Strategic Plans under the reformed Common Agriculture Policy on the basis of the Presidency discussion paper set out in document 12304/21 and took note of the Commission's and delegations' comments.

8. **Agricultural products – revision of EU marketing standards** 12350/21
Exchange of views

The Council exchanged views on the revision of the EU marketing standards on the basis of the Presidency discussion paper set out in document 12350/21 and took note of the Commission's and delegations' comments.

Any other business

9. Fisheries

- a) **Turkish Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in Greek territorial waters** 12497/21
Information from the Greek delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Greek delegation concerning IUU fishing by Turkish vessels in Greek territorial waters.

Agriculture

- b) **Difficult situation on agricultural markets resulting from increasing prices of fertilizers** 12705/21
Information from the Polish delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Polish delegation, and of the reactions of the Commission and of Member States.

c) **Crisis in the pigmeat sector** 12505/21

Information from the Belgian delegation, supported by the Austrian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Cyprus, Czech, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourg, Maltese, Polish, Romanian and Slovak delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, with the support of Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, on the crisis situation in the pig meat sector. It also took note of the additional comments made by delegations and by the Commission.

d) **Meeting of G20 agriculture ministers (Florence, 17-18 September 2021)** 12542/21

Information from the Italian delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Italian delegation, and of the reaction of the Commission.

e) **Common declaration on the revision of the European agri-food quality policy to strengthen the geographical indications schemes** 12520/21

Information from the Spanish delegation, on behalf of the Austrian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Cyprus, Czech, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Spanish delegation, on behalf of the Austrian, Bulgarian, Croatian, Cyprus, Czech, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish delegations, on their common declaration on the revision of the European agri-food quality policy to strengthen the geographical indications schemes set out in document 12520/21.

The Council also took note of the reactions of the Commission and of Member States.

f) Further prolongation of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support agriculture until 31 December 2022 with the proportionate increase of the aid ceiling

12517/21

Information from the Croatian and Hungarian delegations, supported by the Bulgarian, Cyprus, Estonian, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Luxembourg, Polish, Romanian and Spanish delegations

The Council took note of the information provided by the Croatian and Hungarian delegations on their joint proposal for further prolongation of the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support agriculture until 31 December 2022 with a proportionate increase of the aid ceiling, as set out in document 12517/21.

The Council also took note of the reactions of the Commission and of Member States.



Item based on a Commission proposal

Statements to the non-legislative "A" items set out in doc. 12404/21

Ad "A" item 4:

Council Decision on the EU position to be taken at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention (MOP 7) on compliance cases

Adoption

STATEMENT BY LUXEMBOURG AND AUSTRIA

“In line with previous positions and with statements tabled in the past on this issue, Luxembourg and Austria reiterate the crucial importance of respecting and following the recommendations of the Aarhus Convention Compliance Committee.

Given that the decision set out in JL 12238/21 principally proposes not to endorse the recommendation in relation to State aid in case ACCC/C/2015/128, while postponing a decision on the issue without any commitment to subsequent approval, Luxembourg and Austria are abstaining from the vote.”

STATEMENT BY DENMARK

“In the spirit of compromise and while underlining the importance of ensuring EU’s compliance with the Aarhus Convention in case ACCC/C/2008/32, Denmark could support the agreement reached on 12 July 2021 on Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Regulation (EC) No 1367/2006.

Consequently, Denmark, cannot support an EU position where the last resort is to postpone the adoption of draft Decision VII.8f in its entirety to the next session of the Meeting of the Parties. For this reason, Denmark abstains from voting.”
