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

**Preliminary comments from the Danish delegation on the Commission non-paper concerning:  
EU-Norway and EU-Norway-United Kingdom: consultations on shared stocks for 2021**

**30 November 2020**

The Danish Delegation is grateful for the opportunity to provide written comments on the Commission non-paper. Given that only initial discussions have taken place in the Council working party, and that no discussions at technical level have yet been undertaken, it might be necessary to provide additional comments at a later stage. Denmark therefore maintains a general scrutiny reservation.

The Danish delegation supports that discussions start on TAC levels for 2021. In this context the Commission non-paper is welcomed as an initial step to prepare consultations with Norway and the UK. The Danish delegation emphasises the importance of ensuring that fishing opportunities for 2021 are adopted in 2020, to allow fisheries to start on 1 January 2021, including for EU vessels in Norwegian waters.

Both the EU/Norway consultations and the future EU/Norway/UK consultations are very important for Danish fisheries and we emphasise the need to undertake consultations in both settings ahead of 2021, to ensure fishing opportunities for the joint stocks are set and access to fish in each other's waters is granted. Especially for the EU/Norway consultations it is important that fishing opportunities are exchanged to take into account the mix of stocks caught in Norwegian waters. The importance of access to Norwegian waters has increased for 2021, given the uncertainty of continued access to UK waters.

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