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

**Preliminary comments from the Netherlands on Commission non-paper regarding preparation for the bi-lateral EU-Norway and tri-lateral EU-Norway-UK consultations for the shared stocks - Fishing Opportunities for 2021**

**I. General comments**

The Dutch delegation would like to thank the Commission for sharing this non-paper. This is an important step in determining the fishing opportunities for 2021. Given that the Agriculture and Fisheries Council in December is only two weeks away the hope is that further non-papers are issued as soon as possible. Where such non-papers are not expected in time for the December Council, clarity is needed from the Commission on the decision-making process to ensure that the TAC and quota Regulation 2021 is published on time. Due to the short time frame, comments below are subject to parliamentary scrutiny.

**II. Specific comments on the non-paper**

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