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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

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To: Delegations

Subject:

Working Party on Fisheries Policy meeting of 9 October 2025

I. EU-UK, EU-NO & TRILATERAL EU-UK-NO

II. COASTAL STATES for 2026

III. EU - Cabo Verde SFP

IV. MEDITERRANEAN & BLACK SEAS FOR 2026

V. AOB

I. Bilateral EU-UK, EU-Norway and trilateral EU-UK-Norway consultations on fishing opportunities for 2026

– Examination

1. The Commission services representative presented the non-paper on Western, Southern North Sea and Easter Channel horse mackerel and Western boarfish (ST 13534/25).
2. Several delegations intervened with comments on both non-papers, as well as questions on the proposed remedial measures for Northern shelf cod (ST 13367/25), which were addressed by the Commission services representative. Five delegations signalled scrutiny reservations on both non-papers.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the Commission's presentation and of the comments made by delegations. The deadline for written comments on the two non-papers was set for Tuesday 14th October cob.

II. Annual consultations on coastal states fishing arrangements and control measures for pelagic stocks (mackerel, blue whiting, Atlanto-Scandian herring) in the North-East Atlantic for 2026

– *Preparation*

1. The Presidency introduced the proposal for a Presidency compromise.
2. Some delegations intervened to support the compromise. Two delegations signalled they were not yet in a position to support the way forward as proposed by the Presidency.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the comments made by delegations and by the Commission. The preparation of the EU position would be finalised in a written consultation ahead of the start of the coastal states' annual consultations.

III. EU - Cabo Verde SFPA: Joint Committee meeting, 21-22 October 2025, Mindelo, Cabo Verde

– *Preparation*

1. The Commission services representative briefed the Working Party on the upcoming Joint Committee meeting.
2. A few delegations took the floor to confirm their attendance at the coordination meeting and to seek clarifications, which were provided by the Commission services representative.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the Commission's presentation and of the comments made by delegations. The Joint Committee meeting was accordingly prepared.

IV. Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas for 2026

– *Presentation by the Commission*

1. The Commission services representative presented the proposal.

2. A number of delegations intervened to share their views and raise questions regarding the proposal, which were addressed by the Commission services representative. Seven delegations signalled a scrutiny reservation.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the Commission's presentation and of the comments made by delegations.

V. Any other business
