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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION fixing for 2024, 2025 and 2026 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/194 as regards deep-sea stocks - Presentation by the Commission - Exchange of views

1. The Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal, based on Article 43(3) TFEU, to the Council on 25 October 2023¹. The proposal aims at setting fishing opportunities in the Atlantic and North Sea for 2024, and in some cases for 2025 and 2026 for those stocks where scientific advice is available for that period, and covers:
 - autonomous Union stocks;
 - shared stocks that are jointly managed bilaterally or trilaterally with the United Kingdom and/or Norway, or that have been subject to North-East Atlantic Fisheries Commission coastal states consultations;
 - fishing opportunities under agreements concluded in the framework of regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs); as well as

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- certain fishing opportunities in waters of non-EU countries.
 - 2. Additional Commission non-papers are expected to complement the proposal in due time.
 - 3. The members of the Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its virtual meeting on 31 October. Delegations entered scrutiny reservations.
 - 4. DK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.
 - 5. Delegations reiterated the impact of the fisheries consultations with third parties, namely with the UK, with Norway and the trilateral consultations EU-UK-Norway. Some comments referred to the need to ensure a level playing field with third countries.
 - 6. The Council is invited to take note of the presentation of the Commission and to exchange views on this matter.
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