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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations

Subject:	Working Party on Fisheries Policy of 30 November 2023
	I. EU-CABO VERDE SFPA
	II. EU-MAURITANIA SFPA
	III. EU FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE
	IV. SPRFMO
	V. TAC ALIGNEMENT

I. **DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (20.06.2024)**

Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of the negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of an Implementing Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cabo Verde

– *Approval of the Presidency compromise*

1. The Commission representative announced that the Commission would submit a statement regarding the change in the legal basis.
2. The Presidency concluded that the Presidency compromise, set out in doc. ST 15586/23, previously examined in the attachés meeting on 23 November 2023, has been formally approved.

II. **EU-Mauritania SFPA Joint Committee meeting (Brussels, 6-8 December 2023)**

– *Preparation*

1. The Commission representative presented the non-paper setting out the approach suggested for the upcoming Joint Committee meeting under the SFPA with Mauritania.

2. Delegations that intervened supported the approach outlined and highlighted their main priorities.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party agreed with the approach outlined in doc. ST 16018/23 and that the Joint Committee meeting was thus prepared.

III. Energy Transition Partnership in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture: update and next steps
– *Information from the Commission*

1. The Commission representative presented the progress regarding the Energy Transition Partnership in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture and the next steps planned.
2. Many delegations took the floor, mentioning especially the challenges that the sector is facing.
3. The Commission representative replied to some of the comments made by the delegations.
4. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information by the Commission and of all the comments made.

IV. 12th annual meeting of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO)
– *Preparation*

1. The Commission services representative presented the suggested approach for the upcoming 12th annual meeting of the Commission of the SPRFMO.
2. **DELETED**
4. **DELETED**

V. TAC alignment: Relative stability keys for five stocks
– *Presentation by the Commission*
– *Examination*

1. The Commission services representative explained the background to the above-mentioned topic and explained possible ways forward.
2. Several delegations intervened to express their preferred approach.

3. The Presidency concluded that further technical work was necessary and that the topic would again be addressed in the following meeting of the Working Party.

