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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	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 • Statement by Italy

Delegations will find attached a statement from the Italian delegation in relation to the abovementioned draft Regulation.

ANNEX

STATEMENT BY ITALY on the vote in plenary

Proposals for regulations on the main TACs and quotas and the Mediterranean TACs and quotas

While acknowledging the efforts made by the various parties to reach a compromise, Italy is disappointed with and regrets the outcome of the negotiations on the proposals for regulations on the main TACs and quotas and the Mediterranean TACs and quotas as solutions could not be found that adhere fully to the principles of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

Analysis of fisheries data reveals significant discrepancies in the decisions taken, particularly on the eel stock, which shows a lack of consistency in policy choices especially as regards fisheries management in the Western Mediterranean.

Socio-economic factors have not been properly taken into account, thereby endangering fleets in the Western Mediterranean and undermining the employment situation in coastal communities.

Seeking flexibility, Italy and others proposed progressive compensation measures of up to 7 %, in order to balance environmental sustainability with socio-economic sustainability for the maritime communities.

In view of the decisions taken and the lack of balanced consideration of these different aspects, Italy will vote against the proposed regulations whilst continuing to promote a more balanced approach that integrates environmental, economic and social aspects.