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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

On: 14 January 2021

To: Delegations

Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy of 14 January 2021:

I. IUU Regulation

II. EU-UK consultations

III. FAO Committee

IV. ECA Report No 26/2020

DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (31.08.2023)

I. Report on the application of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing (the IUU Regulation)

– *Presentation of the report*

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1. **II. EU-United Kingdom consultations on fishing opportunities for 2021 and, for deep-sea stocks, for 2021 and 2022**

– *Preparation of the consultations*

1. The Commission representative presented the revised non-paper as set out in doc. 5031/1/21 REV 1, explaining that the revised non-paper contains clarifications to reassure delegations. He also gave details on the list of elements to be discussed at the upcoming technical meeting. Moreover, he updated delegations on the informal discussions with the Head of the UK delegation, explaining that the first round could be articulated around a general presentation on the approach of the parties on setting the TACs, without going into the details at this stage.
2. The Council Legal Service representative acknowledged that the revised non-paper represents a step in the right direction. However, he highlighted that the proposed approach is without prejudice to guidance from the Working Party UK, and that it is for the Council to determine the appropriate level of approval within the Council.
3. Delegations thanked the Commission for the revised non-paper and welcomed the clarifications contained in this revision. However, delegations called once more for further details on substance and for the involvement of the Council at Ministerial level throughout the process. Several delegations also welcomed the upcoming technical meeting especially as delegations had a number of questions on particular issues, such as how transfers would operate.
4. The Presidency concluded that an informal written consultation would be launched to ask delegations whether they agree to the start of exploratory discussions by the Commission. The Presidency also highlighted that it is up to the Council to decide on the appropriate level of approval within the Council, and that any approach is without prejudice to the guidance from the Working Party UK.

III. 34th (virtual) session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries (COFI, 1-5 February 2021)

- *Preparation of the declaration of competences*

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IV. Any other business

European Court of Auditors' Special Report No 26/2020: "Marine environment: EU protection is wide but not deep"

– *Information by the Presidency*

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