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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters

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1. On 24 October 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2020 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and for Union fishing vessels in certain non-Union waters. The proposal aims at fixing for 2020 the maximum fishing quantities for specific stocks.
2. The European Parliament's participation in the procedure and the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee are not required (Art. 43.3 TFEU).
3. The Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy examined the Commission proposal<sup>1</sup> and non-papers<sup>2</sup> at its meetings between 31 October and 5 December 2019. Additional Commission non-papers<sup>3</sup> were submitted to Council between 9 and 17 December 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> doc. 13438/19 + ADD 1 - 2

<sup>2</sup> docs. 13761/19, 14385/19, 14558/19, 14724/19 and 14767/19

<sup>3</sup> docs. 14947/19, 1514619, 15166/19 and 15198/19

4. On 11 December 2019, the Committee of Permanent Representatives prepared the item by addressing the outstanding issues with a view to finding a political agreement in Council.
  5. The Agriculture and Fisheries Council reached a political agreement at its session on 16-17 December 2019.
  6. In light of the above, it is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invites the Council to adopt at its session on 27 January 2020 the Regulation as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts in docs. 15319/19 + ADD 1-2 and to take note of the statements as they appear in doc. 5186/2020.
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