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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
On: 14 January 2021  
To: Delegations

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Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy of 21 January 2021:  
I. Agreement EU-NO  
II. EU-NO and EU-NO-UK Consultations  
III. NO: to reduce the EU quota  
IV. 34th session FAO-COFI  
V. AOB - Information on follow-up to EU-UK TCA

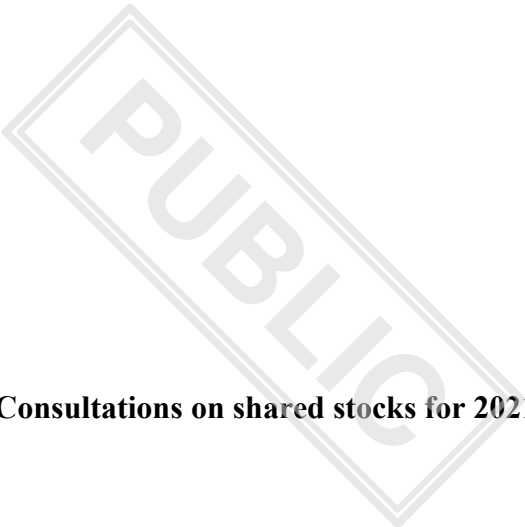
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### **DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (31.08.2023)**

#### **I. Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for a new fisheries agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway**

– *Examination of the Presidency compromise*

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**II. EU-Norway and EU-Norway-United Kingdom: Consultations on shared stocks for 2021 (12 - 15 January 2021)**

– *Debriefing*

1. The Commission representative debriefed about the state of play of the EU-NO-UK annual consultations for 2021, that had started on 12 January and were still ongoing. He noted the challenges resulting from the virtual and trilateral nature of the meetings and explained that progress had been made and that various versions of a draft Agreed Record had already been circulated. **DELETED**

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3. In response to a question from BE, the Commission representative explained that Norway would retain the technical measures regarding cod (closure of certain areas) during 2021. He also outlined the reference to joint, but not jointly managed stocks, in particular anglerfish, hake and Norway pout in the draft Agreed Record.
4. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party has taken note of the debrief and asked the Commission to continue consultations in line with the mandate given and the comments made in the Working Party.

### **III. Norway's unilateral decision to reduce the EU quota for cod in the Svalbard area**

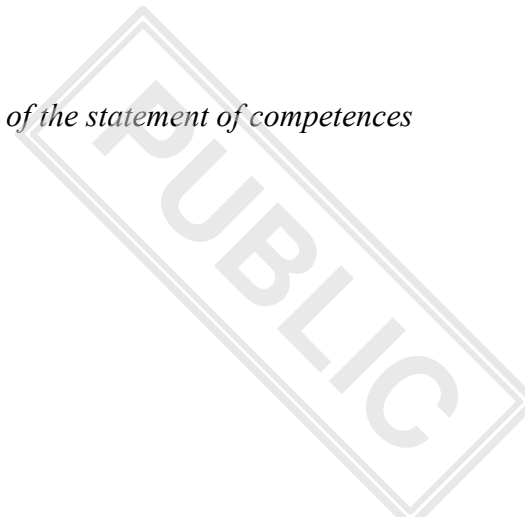
- *Update from the Commission*

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

- *Preparation of the meeting and examination of the statement of competences*

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## V. Any other business

- *Information on follow-up to EU-UK TCA*
1. The Presidency explained that, while the UK Working Party was in charge of the implementation of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA), this AOB aimed to keep the Fisheries Working Party informed about discussions in that WP on fisheries-related elements of the TCA.
  2. The Council Legal Service representative explained that in his view a Council decision on the basis of Article 218(9) had to be adopted before finalising annual consultations with the UK on the setting of TACs and related measures. He noted that this would further be dealt with by the UK Working Party.
  3. AT and IE intervened with questions on procedures related to the upcoming informal video conference of agriculture and fisheries ministers.
  4. In response to a question by IE, the Council Legal Service representative explained that further exchanges with the Commission were foreseen on the topic.
  5. The Commission representative stated that the Commission was against revising the relevant non-paper on EU-UK annual consultations.
  6. The Presidency explained the necessary procedures due to the particular nature of informal video conferences of ministers and stressed that discussions on the procedure under the TCA would be dealt with by the UK Working Party.