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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Draft decision No 1/2022 of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries establishing a Working Group on Fisheries

Delegations will find included for information the Draft decision No 1/2022 of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries establishing a Working Group on Fisheries in all language versions.

By providing this information, the Commission ensures in line with Article 2 of the Council Decision on Conclusion, that the Council receives all the information and documents related to any meeting of those joint bodies or to any acts to be adopted by written procedure sufficiently in advance of that meeting or that usage of written procedure, and in any case not later than eight working days prior to that meeting or that usage of written procedure.

It is the intention of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries to adopt the decision establishing a Working Group on Fisheries in line with Council Decision 2021/2111 of 25 November 2021 and its Annex I.

**DECISION No 1/2022 OF THE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES
ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE 8(1)(q) OF THE TRADE AND COOPERATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMUNITY, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, OF THE OTHER PART,**

of [date]

as regards the establishment of a Working Group on Fisheries

THE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES,

Having regard to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part ("the Agreement"), and in particular Article 8(4)(f) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Agreement entered into force on 1 May 2021.
- (2) Heading Five of Part Two (Articles 493 to 511) of the Agreement provides for cooperation between the Union and the United Kingdom on fisheries, notably in Articles 494(1) and 508.
- (3) Article 8(1)(q) of the Agreement establishes a Specialised Committee on Fisheries, which addresses matters covered by Heading Five of Part Two of the Agreement.
- (4) Article 508 of the Agreement sets out, in a non-exhaustive manner, the functions and powers of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 9(3) of the Agreement, a Working Group is to comprise representatives of the Union and of the United Kingdom and is to be co-chaired by a representative of the Union and a representative of the United Kingdom.
- (6) Pursuant to Article 9(4) of the Agreement, a Working Group is to set its own rules of procedure, meeting schedule and agenda by mutual consent.
- (7) In order to ensure the effective implementation of the Agreement, in particular of Heading Five of Part 2, it is necessary that expert dialogues on fisheries take place at regular intervals throughout the year, including at short notice.
- (8) It is appropriate that the Specialised Committee on Fisheries establish a Working Group on Fisheries ("the Working Group"), under its supervision. This Working Group should set its rules of procedure. It should report on a regular basis on its activities to the Specialised Committee on Fisheries,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Working Group on Fisheries is hereby established.

Article 2

1. The Working Group shall meet when so decided by the co-chairs, by mutual consent.
2. It shall report on a regular basis to the Specialised Committee on Fisheries on the results and conclusions of its meetings.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

Done at Brussels and London

For the Specialised Committee on Fisheries
The Co-chairs
