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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Specification of the Union position to be taken within the Working Group on Fisheries set up by Decision No 1/2022 of the EU-UK Specialised Committee on Fisheries concerning the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group – Approval |

1. With Council Decision (EU) 2021/2111 of 25 November 2021, the Council established the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union, under 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, as regards the establishment of a Working Group on Fisheries and the adoption of its Rules of Procedure.
2. Pursuant to Annex II to Decision (EU) 2021/2111, the Union is to seek to ensure that the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group on Fisheries are based on the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and the Committees set out in Annex 1 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, while providing for adaptations to be endorsed by the Council on the basis of position papers to be submitted by the Commission. The Rules of Procedure of the Working Group on Fisheries may also allow for different thematic configurations.

Before the Working Group on Fisheries adopts its Rules of Procedure, the Commission is to transmit to the Council sufficiently in advance of the meeting of that Working Group or of the written procedure in that Working Group, and in any case not later than eight working days prior to that meeting or use of written procedure, a written document setting out the particulars of the proposed specification of the Union's position for discussion and the endorsement of the details of the position to be expressed on the Union's behalf.

3. Following the adoption of Decision No 1/2022 of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries setting up the Working Party on Fisheries, the Working Group on Fisheries is to draw up and adopt its Rules of Procedure.
4. On 22 February 2022, the Commission presented to the Working Party on the United Kingdom a non-paper from the Commission services on the position to be taken by the Union in the Working Group on Fisheries established by Decision No 1/2022 of the EU-UK Specialised Committee on Fisheries concerning the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group, as set out in ST 6276/22.
5. On 22 February 2022, the Working Party on the United Kingdom expressed its support for the specification of the Union position to be taken in the Working Group on Fisheries concerning the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group, as set out in ST 6276/22.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
 - to confirm its agreement on the specification of the Union position to be taken in the Working Group on Fisheries concerning the Rules of Procedure of the Working Group, as set out in ST 6276/22;
 - to invite the Council, to approve the specification of the Union's position, as set out in ST 6276/22, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting.
7. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.