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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
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I. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013, as regards restrictions to the access to Union waters

– Examination of the Presidency compromise

1. The Presidency presented the revised Presidency compromise as set out in doc. 6848/1/22 REV 1.
2. One delegation intervened to say that it could not support the compromise as it stands today. The other delegations who took the floor indicated that they could support the text.

3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had examined the revised Presidency compromise and that the matter would be further discussed at Coreper.

II. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area (recast)**

– *Approval of the Presidency compromise*

1. The Presidency presented the revised presidency compromise on the above-mentioned proposal as set out in document 6265/1/2022 REV 1.
2. Delegations thanked the Presidency and could generally support the compromise. One delegation asked for a clarification in Article 124.
3. The Commission representative welcomed the compromise without prejudice to the final Commission position on this file.
4. The Presidency concluded that there was broad support for the revised presidency compromise including the modification announced for Article 124 and that the text would be submitted to Coreper for agreement.

III. **26th session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (Victoria, Seychelles, 16-20 May 2022)**

– *Preparation*

– *Examination of the Presidency compromise*

1. The Presidency presented the Presidency compromise on the Commission's non-paper concerning the above-mentioned annual meeting.
2. The Commission representative agreed with the changes set out in the Presidency compromise. In response to a question by one delegation, the Commission representative explained that it had been clarified that there was no need to include one specific modification that had been proposed by the requesting delegation.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party supported the Presidency compromise and that the next annual session of the IOTC had therefore been prepared.

IV. UK notification under TCA (4 licence conditions)

– *Information by the Commission*

1. The Commission representative presented the notification received by the United Kingdom. He said that it included 4 sets of new measures and that the Union's deadline to reply was on 2 May 2022.
2. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information provided by the Commission. He invited delegations to send any comments that they might have directly to the Commission as soon as possible.

V. Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2022/109 fixing for 2022 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

– *Approval*

1. The Commission representative presented the amendment as set out in doc. 7962/22 that would have to be supplemented by means of a non-paper.
2. DK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party supported the proposed amendment and that the text would be submitted to Coreper/Council for adoption after finalisation by the lawyer-linguists.

VI. Heads of Delegation meetings in view of consultations for a bilateral EU-NO fisheries framework agreement and a trilateral EU-UK-NO fisheries framework agreement

– *Information by the Commission*

1. On the bilateral EU-NO fisheries framework agreement, the Commission representative said that Norway was ready now to start formal negotiations. The mandate is quite comprehensive and expresses the ambition to have a modern agreement that consolidates the relationship with Norway in fisheries matters. He expressed the hope that the agreement could be in place for 2023.
2. On the trilateral EU-UK-NO fisheries framework agreement, the Commission representative informed delegations that negotiations are planned to start at the beginning of May.

3. On the question from delegations whether more specific preparations of the upcoming consultations would take place in the Working Party, the Commission representative said that these were at an early stage for now and that no further preparation would be needed at this stage. **DELETED**
4. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information provided on the revision of the bilateral agreement with Norway and the framework agreement negotiations with Norway and the United Kingdom.

VII. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control

- *Debriefing on the results of the trilogue of 25 March 2022*
 1. The Presidency debriefed delegations on the outcome of the sixth political trilogue on the revision of the fisheries control system, which was held on 25 March 2022. The Presidency explained that the institutions had provisionally agreed on the provisions concerning control and inspection programmes and related annual reports and that further work would continue at technical level on other topics, including control rules for sensitive species. The Presidency also noted that the first exchange on the rules of weighing showed strong convergence of the positions of the Council and the European Parliament. The Presidency updated delegations on its planning for the next trilogues.
 2. The Commission representative presented the Commission's position on various issues discussed during the trilogue. She outlined the Commission's approach as regards transshipments, prior notifications in the case of landings in third country ports, and weighing.
 3. In response to a question by one delegation, the Presidency outlined the planned further steps in the negotiations.

4. The Presidency concluded that the delegations had been debriefed on the outcome of the political trilogue held on 25 March 2022 and had taken note of the comments made by the Commission.

VIII. EU-Guinea Bissau SFPA protocol – joint committee meeting (26-27 April 2022, Lisbon)

– *Preparation*

1. The Commission representative briefed the Working Party ahead of the third meeting of the Joint Committee, scheduled for 26-27 April in Lisbon, under the EU-Guinea Bissau SFPA protocol. **DELETED**
2. **DELETED**
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information provided by the Commission and the Member States and that the Joint Committee meeting was herewith prepared.

IX. Any Other Business

X. Commission's intention to enter, on behalf of the Union, into formal discussions on a Political Understanding in relation to the fisheries in ICES subareas 1 and 2 with Norway

– *Approval to enter into negotiations*

1. The Commission representative informed delegations of the Commission's intention, following earlier informal *ad hoc* exploratory talks with Norway, to enter into formal discussions on a political understanding that would take the form of a non-binding instrument. The main lines are set out in doc. 8157/22.

2. While delegations generally welcomed the information, many delegations entered scrutiny reservations at this stage.
 3. The Presidency concluded that in view of the scrutiny reservations, a written consultation following the Working Party would be launched to confirm the Working Party's support to authorise the Commission to enter into the above-mentioned negotiations.
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