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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Working Party on Fisheries Policy of 28 April 2022

- I. CONTROL REGULATION
- II. EU-GREENLAND JCM
- III. MAURITIUS SFPA
- IV. FAO
- V. EU-UK SCF
- VI. AOB

DOCUMENT PARTIALLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (10.06.2024)

I. 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

– *Information from the Presidency*

1. The Presidency mentioned that document WK 5419/2022 REV 1 had been distributed in order to receive delegations' feedback on the proposed way forward in the framework of ongoing negotiations. The Presidency explained the tabled proposals for several provisions from Sequence 6 (National control programmes), Sequence 7 (Digitalisation of catch reporting) and Sequence 8 (Weighing).
2. Numerous delegations intervened. A large number of delegations overall supported the proposed way forward, while also, as regards certain proposals, expressing a preference for the positions set out in the General Approach.

Most interventions related to electronic databases with inspection reports and logbook information for sensitive species.

3. The Commission representative outlined her preferred approach as regards several topics, including electronic databases containing inspection reports, prior notification, and reporting on catches retained on board.
4. In response to specific questions by delegations, the Presidency clarified its proposed approach on certain issues. The Presidency asked to send written comments, if any, by the end of the same day in order to be able to consider them for the next interinstitutional technical meeting planned for the next day, or, at the latest, by the beginning of the following week. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information provided by the Presidency, the comments and questions by delegations as well as the intervention by the Commission.

II. SFPA EU-Greenland Joint Committee Meeting (4-5 May 2022, Nuuk)

– Preparation

1. The Commission representative presented the agenda and expected results of the meeting, mainly devoted to the review of the implementation of the sectorial support programme. There will be additional points under AOB, at the request of DK. The member states were invited to participate. No EU coordination meeting is planned unless a member state requests one, however bilateral consultations are ongoing. On the substance, the Commission saw no immediate concern and highlighted the constant contacts with Greenland to prepare the meeting in Nuuk.
2. One Delegation took the floor to thank the Commission for the coordination so far and to indicate that while it would not send Delegates to Nuuk, it remains available for any consultation needed.
3. The Presidency concluded that the EU-Greenland Joint Committee Meeting taking place on 4-5 May 2022 in Nuuk has been prepared.

III. 5th round of negotiations for a new protocol under EU-Mauritius SFPA (4-6 May 2022, Mauritius)

– Preparation

1. The Commission representative briefed the Working Party ahead of the 5th negotiating round, the intention being to finalise the talks and thereby avoid an interruption in fishing activity when the current protocol expires in October 2022. He summarised the remaining outstanding issues.
2. One delegation indicated that it would participate in the negotiations.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had prepared the 5th round of negotiations, which would hopefully be decisive.

IV. 18th session of the FAO Fish Trade Sub-Committee (written procedure 8 April-8 May, remote plenary session 7-9 and 20 June)

– Preparation and Declaration of Competences

1. The Commission representative presented a proposed declaration of competences and draft EU common position ahead of the 18th session of the FAO fish trade subcommittee, and briefed the Working Party on the approval procedure to be followed at FAO level.
2. One delegation intervened to comment on the EU's priorities, albeit agreeing with the draft common position. Another delegation signalled a scrutiny reservation that it wished to maintain until 29 April at noon. The Commission representative responded to the comments made.
3. The Presidency noted broad support in the Working Party, and concluded that it had approved the declaration of competences and draft common position, subject to the lifting of the scrutiny reservation.

V. EU-UK: Position of the European Union within the Specialized Committee on Fisheries

– *Examination of the non-paper*

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4. **DELETED**
5. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party has taken note of the presentation by the Commission and invited Delegations to submit written comments by Monday 2 May 2006 in view of preparing a Presidency compromise.

VI. AOB

1. The Council Legal Service representative informed Delegations on the state of play on the following two court cases:
 - a) C-224/22 (Kingdom of Spain against the Council)
 - b) T-645/21 (Bloom Association against the European Parliament and the Council)
 2. There were no questions or comments by Delegations.
 3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party on Fisheries has taken note of the information by the Council Legal Service on the two cases.
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