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to : General Secretariat of the Council

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Subject : Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel

Delegations will find attached written comments from the Czech Republic on the subject mentioned above.

Comment of the Czech Republic on a proposal for a Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the stock of European eel

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We refer to the comment Finland made at the last Council Working Party on Fisheries on Articles relating to reporting, evaluation, control and enforcement (Articles 10 and 11) in which it expressed serious doubts on their effectiveness in relation to recreational or sport fishing and thus should not be applied to this type of fishing.

Having experienced a way of catching eels very similar to Finland, we are of the same opinion and support what it said in this regard.

In the Czech Republic, there are angler's clubs only which catch eels. Far more important is that they are also the only subjects, which ensure the reintroduction of eels into the Czech river system.

Even though the angler's clubs have the long-term statistical monitoring system of caught fish in operation, the eel included, it is not possible, however, to determine only on the basis of such records the virtual percentage of the eel escapement from the river basin to the sea.