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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations
Subject: Written record EU-UK in-year consultations on sprat 7de

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Delegations will find attached the signed Written Record for the bilateral EU-UK in-year consultations on Sprat 7de.

Written Record of fisheries consultations on 23 May 2022 between the United Kingdom and the European Union on sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*) in Divisions 7.d and 7.e (English Channel) from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

1. The Trade and Cooperation Agreement ('the TCA') between the United Kingdom (UK) and the European Union (EU) includes the objective of cooperating with a view to ensuring that fishing activities for shared stocks in their waters are environmentally sustainable in the long term and contribute to achieving economic and social benefits, and requires the Parties to hold consultations annually to agree the total allowable catches (TACs) for the following year for the stocks listed in Annex 35 to the TCA. English Channel sprat (SPR/7DE) is included in that Annex.

2. A Delegation from the United Kingdom, headed by Mr Bavi SARMA, and a Delegation from the European Union, headed by Ms Ana LEOCADIO, met in a virtual format on 23 May 2022 to consult on fishing opportunities for English Channel sprat (SPR/7DE) from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 in accordance with Article 498 (Fishing Opportunities) of the TCA. This Written Record documents the outcome of those consultations.

3. The Heads of Delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the fishery arrangements for 2022/2023 outlined in this Written Record, including Annex 1. Accordingly, where this Written Record refers to the Delegations (or the Parties) having agreed on a matter, it should be read as an agreement to recommend to the Delegations' respective authorities to implement the arrangements in this Written Record, including Annex 1.

4. The Delegations agreed to establish a total allowable catch (TAC) from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 of 9,200 tonnes (the TAC and respective Parties' quotas are shown in Annex 1).

5. The other relevant arrangements for English Channel sprat (SPR/7DE) set out in paragraph 5 of the Written Record of fisheries consultations between the United Kingdom and the European Union for 2022, signed on 21 December 2021 and as amended on 11 March 2022, will continue to apply.

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For the United Kingdom
Bavi SARMA

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For the European Union
Ana LEOCADIO

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Annex 1

Code	Common Name	ICES areas	Agreed Total Allowable Catch (tonnes)	UK allocation			EU allocation			
				TCA share (%)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from EU (tonnes)	UK post-transfer quota (tonnes)	TCA TAC share (%)	TCA quota (tonnes)	Transfer to/from UK (tonnes)
SPR/7DE	Sprat (English Channel) <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	7d and 7e	550 ⁽¹⁾ 9,200 ⁽²⁾	74.55%	410 6,859		410 6,859	25.45%	140 2,341	140 2,341

(1) The TAC may only be fished from 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.

(2) The TAC may only be fished from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

