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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Working Party on Fisheries Policy of 25 May 2022
	I. ClientEarth
	II. UK notification under TCA
	III. Control
	IV. FAO COFI Fish trade
	V. AOB

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I. ClientEarth Request for internal review under Title IV of the Aarhus Regulation in relation to Council Regulation (EU) 2022/109 of 27 January 2022 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

– *Presentation of the draft reply*

1. The Council legal service representative presented the draft reply (doc. 9303/22) and outlined its structure and main elements.
2. Delegations generally entered scrutiny reservations and emphasised the importance of this revision exercise and its related response to Client Earth.

The Presidency informed delegations about the foreseen timeline and said that they could submit written comments until 1 June 2022. He concluded that the Working Party had examined the draft reply and that it would revert to this issue at a next session.

II. UK notification under TCA (4 licence conditions)

– *Presentation of the draft reply*

1. The Commission representative shortly presented the draft reply, which was prepared based on comments received in the preceding few days. **DELETED**. He also mentioned that the Commissions seeks clarifications.
2. There were no comments or questions from the delegations.
3. The Presidency concluded that since the text is in line with issues raised, it is considered that the draft reply is supported and will be transmitted to the Working Party on the UK for formal adoption.

III. **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 the document WK 7287/2022 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 7 (Digitalisation of catch reporting) and Sequence 8 (Weighing).
2. Numerous delegations intervened. A 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.
3. Most interventions related to weighing in third countries and maximum quantity of fishery products for private purchases.

4. The Commission representative outlined their preferred approach as regards several topics, including weighing in third countries, the threshold for private purchases of fishery products, and exemptions with regard to transport documents.
5. In response to specific questions by delegations, the Presidency clarified its proposed approach on certain issues. The Presidency asked to send written comments, especially on Sequence 8, by Monday in order to be able to consider them for the trilogue planned for 31 May 2022. 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.

IV. 18th session of the FAO Fish Trade Sub-Committee (remote plenary session 7-9 and 20 June)

– Preparation

1. The Commission representative presented draft EU positions for agenda items 9-12 of the subcommittee session¹.
2. In the absence of comments from delegations, the Presidency concluded that the Working Party had approved the Commission's non-paper and duly completed preparations for the meeting.

V. Any Other Business

1. **DELETED**
2. **DELETED**

¹ Doc. WK 5897/2022 ADD 1. The Working Party had approved a statement of competences and prepared agenda items 1-6 on 28 April 2022 (WK 5897/2022).

3. **DELETED** The Council Legal Service representative confirmed that the EU's position would be decided by the Council as an environment policy matter.
 4. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken good note of the information provided.
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