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Common Fisheries Policy
- Declaration by Sweden on regionalisation

Delegations will find attached the above declaration as a background to the discussion at the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 27 April 2012, referring to the declaration by six Member States contained in doc. 8965/12 PECHE 121 CODEC 1041.

Swedish views on the Declaration on Regionalisation by BE, DE, DK, FR, IE and UK

Sweden fully supports the view that strengthening the regional perspective of fisheries management is essential in order to achieve an enhanced shared responsibility for fisheries management as well as an improved compliance with regulations.

Against that background Sweden can align itself to the sentiment of the declaration showing the readiness among the involved Member States taking steps towards a more pronounced regionalisation of fisheries management.

In addition, Sweden considers that a prerequisite for an adaptive fisheries management is to avoid micro-management at Council and European Parliament level. Sweden, therefore, is of the opinion that decisions regarding detailed and highly technical aspects of fisheries management could be left to be decided by the Commission through not only implementing acts but also delegated acts within general frameworks decided by Council and Parliament. Sweden will continue to pursue this line in the hope that it will attract increased support in further adapting the Common Fisheries Policy to regional circumstances.

Sweden would also like to emphasize the importance and potential of a more regionalised fisheries management when it comes to increasingly pooling member state resources regarding fisheries control, data collection, scientific research projects as well as the development of new selective gears in light of the specific circumstances of the various sea basins.

For Sweden, the whole purpose of a more regionalized fisheries management is to secure the overall objectives of the CFP, namely to ensure that fishing and aquaculture activities provide long-term sustainable environmental, economic and social conditions.