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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

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To: Delegations

Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy:

I. EMFF

II. Marine Mammal Protection Act

III. EU/Norway: Preparation of the Consultations about new long-term management strategies (London, NEAFC HQ 14 – 16 May 2019)

IV. Coastal States: Consultations on Mackerel

I. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council

– *Examination of the Presidency compromise*

1. The Working Party examined a working paper¹ prepared by the Presidency, suggesting a possible compromise on the abovementioned proposal.
2. The Presidency asked delegations to submit any further comments in writing by 10 May COB. The Working Party will meanwhile revert to the matter on the basis of a revised Presidency compromise.

¹ WK 5543/19

II. Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)

– *Information from the Commission*

1. The Commission representative informed delegations that all countries with fisheries that export fish and fish products to the United States are under the Marine Mammal Protection Act import provisions and are thus required to submit a Progress Report to the National Marine Fisheries Service by 31 July 2019. She therefore asked delegations to verify and update the data already contained in a web-based data portal. She further proposed that the Commission could host a technical meeting to clarify possible issues.
2. Delegations that intervened expressed their concern about the suggested way forward and the tight deadline, but welcomed the proposal for a technical meeting. They agreed on the importance of submitting data of all Member States in a harmonised manner and emphasised the coordinating role of the Commission.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had taken note of the information provided by the Commission. She also welcomed the proposal for a technical meeting and said that the Working Party would revert to this matter if necessary.

III. EU/Norway: Preparation of the Consultations about new long-term management strategies (London, NEAFC HQ 14 – 16 May 2019)

– *Presentation by the Commission*

1. The Commission representative presented the non-paper² on the EU- Norway consultations concerning the long-term management strategies, which will take place in London on 14 and 15 May 2019. He also noted that a second round may take place in London, at the beginning of June 2019.
2. Delegations welcomed the Commission proposed lines for the long-term management strategies.
3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party prepared the consultations for the EU- Norway long-term management strategies.

² ST 9039/19

IV. Coastal States: Consultations on Mackerel

– *Information from the Commission*

1. The Commission representative informed delegations on the ICES inter-benchmarking exercise for Mackerel, in view of the Coastal States consultations which will take place in London, on 20 and 21 May 2019.
2. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party took note of the information provided by the Commission and will revert to this item at a forthcoming Working Party meeting.