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Subject: END OF WRITTEN PROCEDURE
Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters
- Adoption
= *End of the written procedure*

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 2705/20 of 24 June 2020, was completed on 25 June 2020 at 17:00 and that all delegations voted in favour of the adoption of the above-mentioned Council Regulation, as set out in doc. 8799/20 PECHE 150 + COR 1.

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the above Council Regulation is adopted.

The statement by Denmark is reproduced in the Annex to this CM.

The above statement will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

The Council Secretariat takes this opportunity to thank delegations and the Commission for their kind cooperation.

STATEMENT BY DENMARK

Fishing opportunities for sprat in Skagerrak/Kattegat and in the North Sea 2020/2021

Denmark welcomes that fishing opportunities for sprat in Skagerrak/Kattegat and in the North Sea have been set for 2020/2021 in time for the fishery to start on 1 July 2020. Denmark can agree to the text as part of a compromise on the 2nd Amendment to the fishing opportunities 2020.

Concerning the question of a long-term allocation for sprat between the Skagerrak/Kattegat and the North Sea, Denmark finds that the allocation of the fishing opportunities for 2020/2021 is an *ad hoc* solution. This view is in line with the view expressed by the Norwegian Delegation, which in the Agreed Record of 12 June 2020 noted that the allocation for 2020/2021 is an *ad hoc* decision for the fishery season 2020/2021, and that it will be necessary to revisit the issue of allocation next year.

In order to ensure long-term sustainable solutions, and a joint management of our joint stocks, a long-term allocation agreement should include all stakeholders. The EU should therefore engage in discussions of the long-term allocation of sprat between the North Sea and Skagerrak/Kattegat, with all relevant stakeholders, as soon as possible next year.

Denmark reiterates that an agreement allocating 18,3% to Skagerrak/Kattegat is at the expense of the North Sea, which will lose fishing opportunities in absolute terms, even though the stock is increasing. We have also shown openness to discuss an allocation, based on TACs, however based on a shorter period (2014-2018), which would allocate 14% to 3a.

Denmark will consider, when a long-term agreement on the allocation is found between all stakeholders, how to ensure that the fishing opportunities are best utilised.