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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) / Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 and 2014 the fishing opportunities for EU vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks
- Adoption
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 18.12.2012

Statements by the Commission

Ad deep-sea sharks

"The Commission will examine the list of species defined as deep-sea sharks in part 1 ("Definition of species and species groups") of the Annex to the Regulation, in particular as regards the possible exclusion of Blackmouth catshark (*Galeus melastomus*) and the possible inclusion of Lowfin gulper shark (*Centrophorus lusitanicus*). Where appropriate, the Commission may propose to amend this list, in the light of scientific advice it may receive on this matter."

Ad red seabream in area IX

"The Commission notes that a rollover of the 2012 TAC for Red seabream in area IX has been agreed, acknowledging national efforts being made for the sustainable management of the stock. The Commission shall request scientific evaluation of relevant national measures for the protection of the stock."

Statement by Sweden

"Sweden believes in the importance to apply the principles enshrined in the UN Agreement on Migratory Stocks and in the International Guidelines for Deep Sea Fishing from 2008, particularly concerning the stock assessments, impact assessments and the application of the precautionary approach. Where no scientific advice is available the precautionary approach should apply. On 29 of November the Council reached a political agreement on the proposal for deep sea species for 2013 and 2014. Sweden will vote no to the final compromise because the precautionary approach has not been applied for stocks where no reliable scientific advice is available."