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Common Fisheries Policy Reform Package

a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products

b) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy

c) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund [repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 and Council Regulation(EC) No 861/2006 and Council Regulation No XXX/2011 on integrated maritime policy

- *Exchange of views*

I. INTRODUCTION

a) CMO

1. On 13 July 2011 the European Commission presented to the Council its proposal on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products (CMO).
2. The CMO proposal is part of the CFP reform package and is designed to contribute to the objectives of the proposed new CFP Regulation¹. Among the objectives are:
 - the simplification of legal procedures and reporting obligations;
 - strengthening the role of Professional Organisations;
 - a reduction in market support (discontinuation of the withdrawal price system, phasing-out the support for storage aid); and
 - better information to consumers.
3. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions gave their opinions on 28 March 2012 and 4 May 2012, respectively.²
4. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy completed its second reading in February 2012.³
5. After an orientation debate held on 19 March 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a "general approach" in June 2012.⁴ Subsequent to the vote in the European Parliament's Plenary in first reading on 12 September 2012⁵, the Working Party started examining the Parliament's amendments in January 2013.

¹ Doc. 12514/11 PECHE 187 CODEC 1166.

² OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p. 183; OJ C 225, 27.7.2012, p.20.

³ Doc. 5071/1/12 PECHE 8 CODEC 10 REV 1.

⁴ Doc. 10415/12 PECHE 192 CODEC 1445.

⁵ Doc. 13616/12 CODEC 2093 PECHE 334 PE 390.

b) Common Fisheries Policy

6. On 13 July 2011, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new Basic Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).
7. The proposal's general objective is to ensure fisheries and aquaculture activities that provide long-term sustainable environmental, economic and social conditions, and contribute to the availability of food supply. New elements of it concern in particular:
 - a landing obligation,
 - maximum sustainable yield as a compulsory reference for fisheries management,
 - regionalised decision-making,
 - individually transferable fishing quotas,
 - Union measures accompanying Member State obligations under environmental legislation.
8. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions gave their opinions on 28 March 2012 and 4 May 2012, respectively.⁶
9. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy completed its second reading in February 2012.⁷
10. After three orientation debates held in March, April and May 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a "general approach" in June 2012.⁸ Subsequent to the vote in the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries on 18 December 2012⁹, the Working Party is to start examining the Committee's amendments in January 2013.

⁶ OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p.183; OJ C 225, 27.7.2012, p.20.

⁷ Doc. 5070//12 PECHE 7 CODEC 9 REV 2.

⁸ Doc. 11322/12 PECHE 227 CODEC 1654.

⁹ Doc. PE A7-0008/2013 of 10 January 2013.

c) EMFF

11. On 2 December 2011, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF).
12. The general objective of the EMFF is to support the implementation of the CFP and to further develop the EU's Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP). The common procedural provisions are laid down in a proposal for a horizontal Regulation.¹⁰ The European Commission proposes that most of the current CFP and IMP financial instruments be integrated into one fund, with the exception of Fisheries Partnership Agreements and the compulsory contribution to regional fisheries management organisations (RFMOs).
13. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions have provided their opinions on 11 July 2012 and 10 October 2012, respectively.¹¹
14. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy completed its reading of the proposal in July 2012.¹²
15. After orientation debates which were held in March and May 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a "partial general approach" in October 2012.¹³ The European Parliament's first reading in Plenary is tentatively scheduled for May 2013 (Committee report: March 2013).

II. Further time schedule and political key issues

16. The Presidency would like the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council to have an exchange of views on its work programme related to the reform package, as well as on the key issues that will require political consideration for reaching a political agreement, as identified in its note 5230/13 PECHE 8 CODEC 50 CADREFIN 8.

¹⁰ Cf. doc. 15243/11.

¹¹ NAT/549 – CESE 1594/2012 – 2011/0380 (COD); Doc. ST 5203/13 PECHE 4 CODEC 42 .

¹² Doc. 9069/3/12 REV 3 PECHE 128 CADREFIN 208 CODEC 1058.

¹³ Doc. 15458/12 PECHE 428 CADREFIN 438 CODEC 2458.