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from: General Secretariat
to: Permanent Representatives Committee

No. Cion prop.: 7296/13 PECHE 91 - COM(2013) 137 final

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 44/2012, (EU) No 39/2013 and (EU) No 40/2013 as regards certain fishing opportunities
- Adoption
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 25.03.2013

1. The Commission submitted its proposal to the Council on 13 March 2013.
2. The Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meeting on 13 March 2013. A final agreement has been reached on 15 March 2013.
3. FR and UK entered Parliamentary scrutiny reserves.

4. The final agreement is set out in the consolidated document DS 1212/1/13 REV 1. The agreed package includes a transfer of sandeel to Norway , whereby 22,450 tonnes of sandeel in management area 1 would be transferred to Norway in exchange for 1,769 tonnes of North Norway cod, 131 tonnes of North Norway haddock, 250 tonnes of plaice in the North Sea and 95 tonnes of ling in the North Sea. In this respect, FR, ES, DE and PT expressed concerns about the procedure followed by the Commission for the finalisation of this transfer, considered not in line with the agreed record of Norway negotiations. These delegations disagree with the inclusion of plaice and ling among the species exchanged with Norway, as the agreed record seems to refer only to Arctic Cod and North Norway Haddock.

5. Given the urgency of a timely publication of this Regulation in view of the imminent beginning of the fishing season or full use of the provisional quotas for some stocks, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to **endorse the use of the written procedure** for its formal adoption. The procedure will be launched by the General Secretariat of the Council once the legal/linguistic experts have finalised their work (ST 7620/13 PECHE 107 OC 151).
