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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulations (EU) 2016/72 and (EU) 2015/2072 as regards certain fishing opportunities (doc. 11275/16 PECHE 277)

- Outcome of the written procedure initiated by CM 3650/16

Delegations are hereby informed that the written procedure initiated by CM 3560/16 of 26 July was successfully completed on 28 July, all Member States having voted in favour, except for France who abstained.

The result of the written procedure is that the Council adopted the Council Regulation as set out in doc. 11275/16 PECHE 277.

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

The Danish statement to this Regulation is attached.

Danish statement to Council Regulation amending Regulations (EU) 2016/72 and (EU) 2015/2072 as regards certain fishing opportunities

Denmark recognizes the new ICES advice for sprat in the North Sea covering 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. There is a discrepancy in the timing for setting fishing opportunities for sprat due to the fact that the TAC is set for the calendar year while the advice runs from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. There is already fished some sprat in the first 6 months of the year on the higher TAC set from 1 January 2016 and swaps have been carried out. Furthermore, the amounts to Norway and The Faroes were agreed on the basis of the higher TAC set from 1 January 2016. Since the reduced TAC agreed by the Council on 245,000 tonnes is set for the calendar year 2016 and taking into account amounts already fished, Denmark assumes that a supplementary quantity is reserved from the outset to the first half of 2017 of 20,000 tonnes. Taking this into consideration, Denmark can agree to the revised TAC for sprat in the North Sea in the amendment of the regulation on fishing opportunities for 2016. Denmark finds that such considerations are covered in recital No 7 of the Regulation stating that: “The amounts allocated for sprat catches in 2016 should be taken into account when fixing the 2017 fishing opportunities for that species”.

Furthermore, Denmark stresses the need for discussions on how to ensure a swift solution in 2017 when new advice is published to avoid any interruption of the fishery.