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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries (**first reading**)
- Adoption
a) of the Council's position at first reading
b) of the statement of the Council's reasons
= Statement

Statement by Poland

Poland emphasizes the necessity of an in-depth review of appropriateness and effectiveness of this Regulation, as laid down in its Article 7 paragraph 3. In particular, the scientific basis for the driftnet ban for the Baltic salmon fisheries and cost-effectiveness of monitoring provisions should be subject to a detailed scrutiny. Poland is of the opinion that the review process must fulfill the highest standards of transparency and involve the relevant stakeholders.