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## ANNEX I

### **The Union position in the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention**

#### (1) Principles

In the framework of the Bering Sea Convention, the Union shall:

- a) ensure that measures adopted within the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention are in accordance with the objectives and principles pursued by the Union within the Common Fisheries Policy, notably through the precautionary approach and the aims related to the maximum sustainable yield as laid down in Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, to promote the implementation of an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and limiting environmental impacts of fishing activities, to avoid and reduce as far as possible unwanted catches, and gradually eliminate discards, and to minimise the impact of fishing activities on marine eco-systems, as well as, through the promotion of economically viable and competitive Union fisheries, to provide a fair standard of living for those who depend on fishing activities and taking account of the interests of consumers;
- b) ensure that measures adopted within the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention are in accordance with the objectives of the Bering Sea Convention;
- c) ensure that measures adopted within the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention are consistent with international law, and in particular with the provisions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the UN Agreement relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, the Agreement to promote compliance with international conservation and management measures by fishing vessels on the high seas; and the 2009 Food and Agriculture Organization Port State Measures Agreement.
- d) promote positions consistent with those taken within other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and, where applicable, with Regional Sea Conventions in the same area;
- e) seek synergy with the policy that the Union is pursuing as part of its bilateral fisheries relations with third countries, and ensure coherence with its other policies notably in external relations, environment, trade, development, research and innovation and others;
- f) ensure that the Union's international commitments are respected;
- g) follow the Council Conclusions of 19 March 2012 on a Communication on the External dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy<sup>1</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> cf. doc. 7086/12 PECHÉ 66

h) aim to create a level playing field for the Union fleet within the Convention area based on the same principles and standards as those applicable under Union law, and to promote the uniform implementation of resolutions and recommendations.

(2) Orientations

The Union shall, where appropriate, endeavour to support the adoption of the following actions by the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention:

- a) Conservation and management measures for fisheries resources in the Bering Sea Convention Area based on the best scientific advice available, including total allowable catches (TACs) and quotas for Pollock resources regulated in the framework of the Bering Sea Convention. Where necessary, specific measures for stocks which suffer from overfishing shall be considered in order to enable the rebuilding of the stocks;
- b) Review of monitoring, control and surveillance measures in the Bering Sea Convention area in order to enhance the efficiency of control measures and to strengthen compliance with measures adopted in the framework of the Bering Sea Convention;
- c) Reinforcement of measures to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing activities in the Bering Sea Convention area;
- d) Protective measures for vulnerable marine ecosystems in the Bering Sea Convention area in line with UNGA Resolutions;
- e) Development of common approaches with other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations;
- f) Additional technical measures based on advice from the Scientific and Technical Committee set up under the Bering Sea Convention.

## ANNEX II

### **Year to year specification of the Union position to be taken**

#### **at the annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention**

Before each annual Conference of the Parties to the Bering Sea Convention, the necessary steps shall be taken to ensure that the position to be expressed on the Union's behalf takes account of the latest statistical, biological and other relevant information transmitted to the European Commission, in accordance with the principles and orientations set out in Annex I.

To this effect and based on that information, the European Commission shall transmit to the Council or to its preparatory bodies in sufficient time before each annual Meeting of the Bering Sea Convention a written document setting out the particulars of the proposed specification of the Union position for discussion and endorsement.

If, in the course of further meetings, including on the spot, it is impossible to reach an agreement in order for the Union position to take account of new elements, the matter shall be referred to the Council or its preparatory bodies.