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*- Adoption*

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission maintains its position and is therefore opposed to the Council's amendment replacing the legal basis of article 43(2) in conjunction with article 218(6)a with article 43 (without mentioning the paragraph) in conjunction with article 218(6)a.

## Statement by the Netherlands<sup>1</sup>

In general, the Netherlands is of the opinion that fishery within the framework of a partnership agreement constitutes a better guarantee for sustainability than private agreements. However the Netherlands is disappointed that the protocol with the Seychelles does not contain measures to protect sharks and rays.

By-catches of shark and rays are a concern in tuna fisheries in the Indian Ocean.

The Netherlands will abstain from voting and request the Commission to elaborate in the Joint Committee on measures to protect sharks and rays.

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