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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 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act (**LA + S**)
= Statement

Statement by the Commission

The Commission expresses concern that the choice made by the co-legislators to transpose specific and technically detailed control measures adopted by the ICCAT Commission in 2013 and likely to be soon amended again via co-decision may hinder the timely transposition in EU law of measures taken by ICCAT in the future to revise or update control measures of this Organisation.

The Commission therefore declares that it considers this Regulation to be without prejudice to any future position of the institution as regards the possible recourse to Articles 290 and 291 TFEU for the transposition of Regional Fisheries Management Organisation measures.

In accordance with its rights of initiative under the Treaty, the Commission therefore reserves the right to propose amendments to the Regulation in order to empower the Commission to adopt measures by delegated or implementing acts where the circumstances so require.