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Delegations will find attached the proposal for Draft Declaration of Competences and Voting Rights for the 31st Session of the FAO-COFI ( 9 to 13 June 2014) to be discussed at the Council Working Party of 23 May.

The FAO-COFI documents can be consulted at the following link:

<http://www.fao.org/cofi/64143/en/>.



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

**FAO – Thirty First Session of the Committee on Fisheries**

Rome, Italy, 9 - 13 June 2014

**Proposal for a Draft Statement of Competence and Voting Rights submitted by the European Union and its Member States**

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1. Opening of the session
2. Adoption of the Agenda and arrangements for the Session  
**MS Competence – MS vote**
3. Designation of Drafting Committee  
**MS Competence – MS vote**
4. State of world fisheries and aquaculture and progress in the implementation of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and related instruments<sup>1</sup>  
**Shared competence – EU vote**
5. Securing sustainable small-scale fisheries
  - 5.1 Endorsement of the Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in the Context of Food Security and Poverty Eradication (the SSF-Guidelines)  
**Shared competence – EU vote**
  - 5.2 Global Assistance Programme for implementation of the SSF-Guidelines  
**Shared competence – MS vote**
6. Global and regional processes and instruments
  - 6.1 Global and regional processes  
**Shared competence – EU vote**

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<sup>1</sup> Including the presentation of the State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) 2014

- 6.2 Instruments combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing
- (a) Endorsement of Voluntary Guidelines for Flag State Performance
  - (b) Progress and status of the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

**EU Competence – EU vote**

7. Inland fisheries  
**Shared competence – MS vote**

8. Fish trade
- 8.1. Decisions and recommendations of the Fourteenth Session of the COFI SubCommittee on Fish Trade, Bergen, Norway, 24-28 February 2014

**Shared competence – EU vote**

- 8.2. Guidelines on Traceability

**Shared competence- EU vote**

Catch Documentations

**EU Competence – EU vote**

9. Aquaculture
- 9.1. Decisions and recommendations of the Seventh Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Aquaculture, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation, 7-11 October 2013

**Shared competence – EU vote**

- 9.2. Global Aquaculture Advancement Partnership (GAAP) Programme

**Shared competence – MS vote**

- 9.3. Any other matters

**Shared competence – EU vote\***

10. Rules of Procedure of the Committee and Sub-Committees

**MS competence – MS vote**

11. Election of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Thirty-second Session of COFI  
**MS competence – MS vote**
  12. Any other matters  
**Shared competence – EU vote\***
  13. Date and place of the next Session  
**MS competence – MS vote**
  14. Adoption of the Report  
**Shared competence – MS vote**
- \* Without prejudice to further information
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