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NOTE

From:	Presidency
To:	Council
Subject:	Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy : Discard plans - State of play and exchange of views

Delegations will find attached an introductory note on the above-mentioned subject that will be dealt with under B items at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 17 June 2014.

1. The new Common Fisheries Policy introduced a landing obligation which will be gradually implemented in all fisheries, as set out in Article 15 of Regulation (EC) N° 1380/2013. To prepare the implementation of this principle, delegations have been invited to exchange views with the Commission at a meeting in Brussels on 5 March 2014 and during an informal meeting between Directors Generals on 11 April 2014, in Athens.
2. In view of discussions at the meeting of the Council (Agriculture and Fisheries) on 17 June 2014, Commission services have prepared an information note outlining the state of play on the landing obligation and joint recommendations on discard plans¹.
3. The intention of this exchange of views by Ministers is to take stock of the current situation of the discard plans preparation, exchange experiences on best practices, and share information on key issues and concerns. Delegations are invited to avoid re-opening discussions on issues already settled in the context of the CFP Reform.
4. To open the debate, the Presidency will welcome comments from Ministers from Member States which currently chair regional groups on the progress made to date in the preparations of their joint recommendations. Subsequently, all other delegations wishing to intervene will be invited to contribute to the discussion.

¹ document ST 10217/14 PECHE 283