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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007

Delegations will find attached a draft statement by the Council in view of discussions at the Agriculture and Fisheries Council on 20 April 2015.

Draft statement by the Council

The Council wishes to stress that, when approving the present approach on the Baltic Sea Multiannual Plan, it took account of the specificities of the Baltic Sea and the need to respond with specific solutions to the specific problems of that region. In particular, the ranges being defined and the methodology used to that end are specific to the Baltic Sea and do not set a precedent for other fisheries.

Therefore the above approach should not be read, does not imply and shall not be regarded by the Council as implying in any way that the Council is less concerned by the defence of the prerogatives conferred upon it by the Lisbon Treaty, prerogatives which the Council will continue to defend in the light of the merits of each individual proposal. In the meantime, the Council will pay particular attention to the incoming judicial developments.
