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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

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Delegations will find in Annex statements to be entered to the Minutes of the meeting of the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council of 20 April 2015.

1. The Council decided to include the following statement to the Minutes of the meeting:

**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.

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.

2. The Commission requested to add the following statement to the Minutes of the meeting:

**STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION**

*Ad articles 4 and 5*

The Commission confirms that in making its proposals for fishing opportunities, it will consider the most up-to-date scientific advice provided by ICES, including the latest scientific assessment of the evolution of biomass for a given stock.

*Ad article 14a*

The Commission also confirms its intention to carry out the preparatory work necessary, as quickly as possible, and in close cooperation with all Member States concerned, to adapt the plan to new ICES advice for the stocks covered by the plan.

3. Poland requested to add the following statement to the Minutes of the meeting:

**STATEMENT BY POLAND**

Poland maintains the reservation on the new figures of target fishing mortality ranges and minimum spawning biomass contained in the Baltic Sea Multiannual Plan proposal. The reason is the lack of current ICES scientific advice on all the stocks covered by the plan, in particular Eastern Cod. Furthermore, the recently published ICES advice on other stocks requires a thorough methodological and substantive analysis ahead of acceptance.

4. Finland requested to add the following statement to the Minutes of the meeting:

**STATEMENT BY FINLAND**

Finland emphasizes that the management of Baltic Sea fish stocks has to follow the scientific advice. It is also important that the scientific advice concerning special characteristics and management of large and over-dense stocks is adequately taken into consideration in the decision making. In the Baltic Sea this concerns particularly the Bothnian Sea herring stock but it has also more general significance.

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