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COUNCIL DECISION

amending Council Decision 14863/08 of 11 November 2008 for the establishment of the Community position in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and in particular Article 43, in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Decision 14863/08 of 11 November 2008 for the establishment of the Community position in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), provides for a specific position with regard to bluefin tuna only for the years 2008 and 2009

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision 14863/08 is hereby amended as follows:

1. Article 2 is replaced by the following:

"The Union position set out in the Annex to the present Decision shall be assessed and, where appropriate, revised by the Council upon a proposal from the Commission, at the latest for the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) in 2013".

2. Point 2.2 in the Annex is replaced by the text in the Annex to this Decision.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council
The President*

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ANNEX

Point 2.2 in the Annex to the Decision 14863/08 is replaced by the following:

"2.2 In addition, with regard to bluefin tuna, the European Union shall endeavour to have the ICCAT adopt actions to ensure that:

- a) Scientific advice be rigorously and objectively followed when negotiating Total Allowable Catches with the goal of achieving Bmsy through 2022 with between 60 % to 75 % of probability;
- b) the process to address fishing and farming capacity is pursued and completed in a decisive manner while ensuring equivalent efforts on the part of all parties concerned;
- c) stringent technical measures such as minimum sizes and closure periods are pursued in line with scientific advice;
- d) effective control measures through the entire supply chain from fishing to farming, marketing and distribution are reinforced to ensure compliance, in particular through measures on an electronic bluefin tuna catch document;
- e) the targets included in the recently adopted Nagoya Strategic Plan of the Convention on Biological Diversity are respected within the framework of ICCAT Recommendations;
- f) the current allocation key is at least maintained;
- g) enough time is allowed for current and future recommendations to produce the desired effects."