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Page 2, paragraph 4 should read as follows:

"4. The Commission representative recalled that the Commission maintained its position that the MoU Sharks falls under exclusive EU competence and, as a consequence, the position should be submitted as a position of the EU alone and the ad hoc voting arrangements should be that the EU votes and not the Member States. The Commission representative further explained that, in addition, the ad hoc voting arrangements and the consensus rule also affect the external representation of the EU by the Commission, as well as the decision making by qualified majority. The Commission will enter a statement in the minutes of the Council in this regard."