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LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

4. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 [First reading]

Interinstitutional file: 2015/0289 (COD)

- Presentation by the Commission
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The Commission representative presented to the Council its proposal for modernising the management of fishing authorisations both for EU vessels fishing outside EU waters and for third country vessels fishing in EU waters. While the proposal was generally well received, there were interventions putting forward a perceived gap between the Commission's ambitions in terms of simplification, streamlining and clarification and the content of the proposal, as well as appeals to avoid additional administrative burden and overlap of procedures. Delegations and the Commission expressed their willingness to work together at technical level in order to overcome shortcomings in this respect.

NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

3. Work Programme of the Presidency

- Presentation by the Presidency

The Chair presented the Work Programme of the Netherlands Presidency concerning the Agriculture and Fisheries sectors.

5. Animal welfare – next steps

- Presentation of a position paper of the German, Swedish, Danish and the Netherlands delegations
- Exchange of views
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The Council had an exchange of views on the establishment of a EU Platform on Animal Welfare on the basis of the position paper of the Danish, German, Swedish and the Netherlands delegations.

Delegations broadly supported the establishment of such a platform but many of these made their support conditional to among others the absence of new animal welfare requirements at EU level, a prior clarification of the tasks and ensuring a level playing field between EU and non EU operators and scope of the platform.

The Commission representative confirmed that the possibility to establish such a platform would be further explored and discussed in a meeting organised by the Commission services with stakeholders and Member States' representatives.
