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1. The Spanish delegation referred to information it had received on two Argentinian draft laws currently under examination in the Argentinian Parliament. The first draft law would make it compulsory for all crew on board vessels fishing in Argentinian waters to be of Argentinian nationality; the second, concerning segmentation of the fleet, would result in a 20% cut in the fishing effort in the hake fishery, which is the principal target for Community vessels operating under the joint ventures scheme.
2. The Spanish delegation stressed that the measures envisaged were contrary to Article 3⁽¹⁾ and Article 9⁽²⁾ of the EU/Argentina Fisheries Agreement, in that they were unilateral measures and had not first been discussed in the framework of the Joint Committee. The Spanish delegation urged the Commission to undertake all necessary contacts, in order to avoid the implementation of this legislation.

(1) Article 3 of the Agreement: "The Parties shall cooperate to promote the conservation and rational exploitation of fish stocks ...".

(2) Article 9 of the Agreement provides for joint consultations before adoption of new conservation measures.

3. In response, the Commission representative assured the Spanish delegation that it was seeking to clarify the situation both with the Commission's Legal Service and the Argentinian authorities and that, if need be, the Commission would intervene with the latter before the next meeting of the Joint Committee, which was scheduled for early July.
4. Taking note of the Commission representative's remarks, the Working Party called on the Commission to keep it abreast of any developments.

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