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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

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To: Delegations

Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy:

I. Western Mediterranean Sea

II. Fisheries control

III. AOB: Implementation of the BFT Management Plan

I. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multi-annual plan for the fisheries exploiting demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean Sea

– *Examination of the EP amendments*

1. The Working Party examined the EP amendments as set out in document 5344/19 REV 1.
2. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party would revert shortly to this issue to agree on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament.

II. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 768/2005, (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1005/2008, and Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control

- *Continuation of the examination of the proposal*

1. The Working Party continued the examination of the Commission proposal as contained in doc. 9317/18.
2. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party had examined Articles 15-20 contained in Article 1 and that it will revert to the matter shortly.

III. AOB: Implementation of the BFT Management Plan

Asked on how to implement the Bluefin tuna management plan agreed at the ICCAT Annual Meeting in November 2018, the Commission representative responded that it was still analysing which legal vehicle would be the appropriate one to transpose the relevant measures into EU law. Some measures on the fishing season, capacity, minimum size and by-catch were particularly urgent to implement.
