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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From: General Secretariat of the Council

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To: Delegations

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Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy:

I. EMFF

II. Preparation of the 23rd Session of the IOTC (Hyderabad, India, 17-21 June 2019)

III. Fisheries control regulation

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### **I. Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council**

#### *– Examination of the Presidency compromise*

1. The Working Party examined a working paper<sup>1</sup> prepared by the Presidency, suggesting a possible compromise on the abovementioned proposal.
2. The Presidency asked delegations to submit any further comments in writing by 10 May cob. The Working Party will meanwhile continue the examination of the Presidency compromise.

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<sup>1</sup> WK 5543/19

## II. Preparation of 23rd Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (Hyderabad, India, 17-21 June 2019)

1. The Commission representative presented a non-paper setting out a strategy for the IOTC annual meeting and draft EU proposals<sup>2</sup>. She suggested that the EU use the momentum of recent technical discussions to identify possible areas of convergence on allocation criteria, and that it present a revised EU proposal as an information paper. She said the IOTC plan for rebuilding the yellowfin tuna stock had had little impact, and that the EU should propose that loopholes be closed, a payback mechanism established and all contracting party vessels covered. More ambitious measures should be prepared for next year and the IOTC scientific committee should assess possible management measures. The EU should take further action in the management of FADs, the IOTC compliance and monitoring scheme should be strengthened, and observer coverage on board vessels increased, with some flexibility in terms of using electronic monitoring instead of human observers.
2. The Commission representative also briefed delegations regarding discussions on the institutional link between the IOTC and the FAO, an issue for which the IOTC will not reach a consensus at this stage.
3. A number of delegations intervened on various aspects, to which the Commission representative responded, some indicating that they would submit written comments.
4. The Presidency called for written comments to be submitted by 10 May, enabling further discussion at the Working Party meeting on 16 May on the basis of a revised document.

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<sup>2</sup> Docs WK 5413/2019 + ADD 1

**III. 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 59-60 and that it will revert to the matter shortly.