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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Delegations

Subject: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy of 23 March 2017:

- I. FAO technical consultation
- II. First Joint T-RFMO FAD Working group meeting
- III. US Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA)
- IV. FPA Mauritania
- V. External Fishing Fleets
- VI. Adriatic Sea Plan
- VII. Technical measures
- VIII. SFPA Madagascar
- IX. AoB: ICCAT Mediterranean Swordfish Working Group

IX. Any other business: ICCAT Mediterranean Swordfish Working Group

1. The Commission representative briefed the Working Party on the outcome of the technical meeting held on 21 March 2017, whereby discussions showed that there is still room to clarify the allocation criteria of fishing vessels at EU level.

In this context, particular attention should be granted to the reference period of catches: 2010- 2014, as the ICCAT related deliberations foreseen or a more recent reference period, such as 2012-2015. He also indicated that further consideration should be given to the possibility for some ICCAT Contracting Parties to exclude from the reference period the years where their national catches were too low. In order to progress with this file, he undertook to submit a non-paper which will then be examined by the Working Party.

2. IT expressed serious concerns on the possible options outlined by the Commission at this stage.
 3. The Presidency concluded that the Working Party will revert to this file on the basis of the said Commission's non-paper to be issued in due course.
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