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1. The Commission representative explained that different fisheries agreements had been negotiated with the three Baltic States: the Lithuanian Agreement included provisions for joint ventures and joint enterprises; the Estonian Agreement had no provision for second generation elements; at the time of the conclusion of the framework agreement, Latvia had shown no interest in second generation elements, but was now keen to include provisions for joint enterprises; the above Proposal aimed to do just this.

1. Under the provisions for joint enterprises, vessels would have to transfer to the flag of Latvia.

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1. The Spanish delegation could not accept Article 6 (1) which requires that the crew of reflagged vessels be Latvian citizens or residents of Latvia. It considered that a common approach should be adopted in negotiating agreements with third countries, pointing out that the Community had rejected this kind of provision when drawing up agreements with Morocco and Argentina for socio-economic reasons - Union jobs should be maintained as much as possible. Entering such a provision in the Agreement with Latvia would set a precedent for future agreements, particularly an agreement with Russia. The Greek, Italian and Portuguese delegations endorsed this view and entered reservations.

1. The Finnish delegation entered a scrutiny reservation, pointing out that the text in Annex II required further study.

1. The Commission representative explained that, as the reflagging vessels would take the Latvian flag, they would be subject to Latvian law which required that the crew be Latvian or residing in Latvia.

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