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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas
- Adoption

1. The Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, based on Article 43(3) TFEU, on 14 October 2022¹. The proposal aims at setting fishing opportunities for 2023 in line with the multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the western Mediterranean and the recommendations of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM). The Commission updated the proposal with a non-paper submitted on 23 November 2022².
2. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meeting on 20 October 2022 and the non-paper at its meeting on 24 November 2022.
3. On 7 December 2022, the Committee of Permanent Representatives prepared the item by addressing the outstanding issues with a view to finding a political agreement in Council.
4. The Agriculture and Fisheries Council reached a political agreement³ at its session on 11-12 December 2022. The jurist-linguists have since finalised the text.

¹ ST 13592/22 + ADD 1

² ST 14899/22

³ ST 15752/1/22 REV 1

5. In light of the above, it is suggested that the Committee of Permanent Representatives invites the Council to adopt, at one of its forthcoming sessions, Council Regulation fixing for 2023 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas the Regulation as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts in doc. ST 16125/22 and to take note of the statement(s) as set out in the addendum to this note.
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