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Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 the fishing opportunities available in EU waters and, to EU vessels, in certain non-EU waters for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks which are subject to international negotiations or agreements

- Statements

Delegations will find attached Council, Commission and delegations statements.

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JOINT STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION, THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND IRELAND

14. Ad Celtic Sea

Last year selectivity measures were introduced in the Celtic Sea on the basis of a proposal from the North-Western Waters Regional Advisory Council which, while less selective than those identified by scientific advice, introduced a more selective gear which could be readily implemented. The proposal allowed for the assessment of these measures.

The Commission and the Member States concerned agree to undertake a review of these measures in 2013 with a view to identifying any necessary improvements in 2013 after discussion with stakeholders.

Member States based on the conclusions of this review and where appropriate, will agree to further selectivity measures to reduce discards in the mixed whitefish fishery by the end of 2013.