**Member State questions on the AC advice (Technical Group meeting 7 Feb):**

1. If the AC advice on skates and rays would be available in time to be taken into consideration in the joint recommendation for 2018,
2. If the AC supported a harmonised approach for saithe in areas 6a, 6b and 5b, with the option currently under discussion in the Scheveningen group, to introduce saithe into the landing obligation for all gears,
3. If the AC could provide more details on the conditions for a *de minimis* in the saithe fisheries in area 7 and 8 and provide supporting information,
4. Could the AC supply information to support the request for a bycatch quota for saithe in the anglerfish fisheries in areas 7 and 8,
5. Does the AC have any information to support the proposal for a *de minimis* exemption for megrims in area 7? Can the AC provide input how this should work in practice?
6. Could the AC provide feedback on options to alleviate small incidental catches of Nephrops in area 7: should vessels not targeting Nephrops swap some quota, or should a national quota pool be established?
7. In the TAC and Quota Regulation for 2017 spurdog/piked dogfish is listed as a prohibited species, with a small quota allowed for scientific trials to reduce unwanted caches of the species. Does the AC consider a bycatch quota for spurdog/picked dogfish would help avoid choking the fisheries?
8. Has the AC taken into account the difference in value of plaice and sole for their proposal to combine plaice and sole TACs in certain areas?
9. The AC stated it could not support further phasing-in of haddock in areas 5b and 6a, does this mean the AC wants to keep the current thresholds the same?