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Joint Recommendation from the Scheveningen Group on technical measures in the Skagerrak

Dear Mr. Aguiar Machado,

On behalf of the Scheveningen Group, chaired by Denmark in 2019, I have the honour of transmitting to you a Joint Recommendation for technical measures in the Skagerrak. These measures result from the work in the EU-Norway working group on technical measures in the Skagerrak and were agreed upon in formal consultations between EU and Norway on the 5th and 6th of September 2018 in Göteborg, Sweden, and in line with Article 3 and 4 in the EU-Norway Agreement on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak.

The Joint Recommendation is forwarded in accordance with Regulation (EU) no. 2018/973 establishing a multiannual plan for demersal stocks in the North Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks. Article 9 of Regulation (EU) no. 2018/973 empowers the Commission to adopt delegated acts in order to supplement this Regulation regarding technical measures in accordance with Article 16 of this Regulation. Where the Commission has been granted powers to adopt measures by means of delegated acts, Article 18 of the Basic Regulation provides that Member States with a direct management interest may submit joint recommendations to achieve the objectives of the relevant Union conservation measures, the multiannual plans or the specific discard plans. Upon agreeing a joint recommendation, the Member States may propose to the Commission to transpose it into a delegated act.

Against this background, the Scheveningen Group has adopted the enclosed Joint Recommendation with a view to implement measures consulted and agreed with Norway in 2018. The Joint Recommendation is supported by scientific documentation in the enclosed annexes.

The Scheveningen Group proposes to the Commission to transpose this Joint Recommendation on technical measures in the Skagerrak into a delegated act as quickly as possible in order for it to enter into effect soon after the deadline agreed by EU and Norway of 1 July 2019.

I remain available for any inquiry you may have in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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Fisheries Director