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NWW Member States Group - p/a Belgian Chair – Ms. Barbara ROEGIERS

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Ostend, 25 November 2019

Dear Ms. Kirchner,

Subject: *Commission's proposal to the Council for NWW TACs & Quota 2020: article 13*


On 24 October 2019 the Commission published its proposal to the Council for TACs & Quota 2020. The European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO) is thoroughly examining the full content of the paper and a position paper is in preparation.

However in a more expeditious way we wish to voice concerns about Article 13 of this proposal and we have three questions regarding the specific issues that have been raised in that article:

- Would the Commission be willing to provide the scientific evidence and rational for the current drafting of Article 13 in its proposals, as it is not clear?
- Would the Commission be willing to explain why these measures were not presented to STECF for assessment prior to proposing these measures?
- In light of the latest catch advice and imminent publication of mixed fisheries advice for these stocks, does the Commission deem it necessary to revise its article 13 proposals?

EAPO will continue to work closely with the European Commission and therefore looks forward to your reply to the above questions. We remain at your disposal for eventually required clarification.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'P' and 'V' followed by a horizontal line. Below the signature, the name 'P. VISSER' is written in a smaller, cursive script.

Pim Visser,
President