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From:	General Secretariat of the European Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Agreed Record of conclusions of consultations between Norway and the European Union on a license arrangement relating to vessels fishing for Norwegian Spring spawning herring (Atlanto-Scandian herring) in 2016

Delegations will find in annex the Agreed Record of conclusions of consultations between Norway and the European Union on a license arrangement relating to vessels fishing for Norwegian Spring spawning herring (Atlanto-Scandian herring) in 2016.

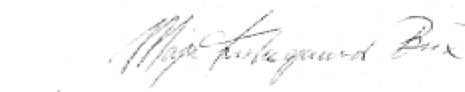
AGREED RECORD OF CONCLUSIONS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN NORWAY AND THE
EUROPEAN UNION ON A LICENSE ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO VESSELS FISHING FOR
NORWEGIAN SPRING SPAWNING HERRING (ATLANTO-SCANDIAN HERRING) IN 2016

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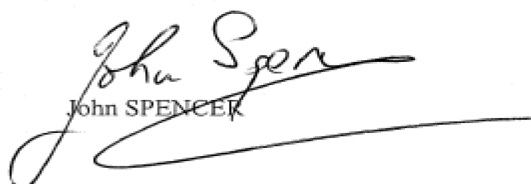
1. Following the agreed records on *ad hoc* fisheries arrangements between the European Union and Norway on the management of Blue Whiting and Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto Scandian) Herring for 2016, signed 15 December 2015, a Norwegian delegation headed by Mr Stein-Åge JOHNSEN and a European Union Delegation headed by Mr John SPENCER consulted on a licence arrangement for vessels fishing for Norwegian Spring Spawning (Atlanto Scandian) Herring in 2016.
2. The heads of delegations agreed to recommend to their respective authorities the arrangement for 2016 outlined in the Annex to this Agreed record.

22 December 2015

For the Norwegian Delegation


Stein-Åge JOHNSEN

For the European Union Delegation


John SPENCER

ANNEX

The European Union will, upon request from the Norwegian fisheries authorities, issue a maximum of 20 licences to Norwegian vessels for fishing of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in European Union fishing waters north of 62°N.

The Norwegian fisheries authorities will, upon request from the European Union, issue a maximum of 77 licenses to European Union vessels for fishing of Norwegian spring-spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N as well as in the fishery zone around Jan Mayen. The European Union will ensure that no more than 57 vessels will be present simultaneously in these waters.

The Parties acknowledged that the number of licenses for 2016 is an ad hoc arrangement without prejudice to any future arrangement and that the number of licences may be adjusted on the basis of calculated catch effort needed to enable the party to fish the allocated quota.

The number of licenses for 2016 is the same as for 2014. Vessels which were authorized to fish on 31 December 2014, are also authorized to fish in 2016.

Upon request from the other Party, and within the limit of the agreed maximum number of licences, licences in respect of particular vessels may be withdrawn at any time and be replaced by licences for alternative vessels. Such adjustments will be processed expeditiously and issued without unnecessary delay.

Either Party may request consultations on the operations of this arrangement with the view to, *inter alia*, adjusting the numbers of licences granted for European Union vessels in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62°N for the rest of the year if the circumstances so warrant, and taking due regard to the remaining quota available.

