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Dear Sir/Madam,

Access to documents concerning Member State positions on Northeast Atlantic TACs for 2021

In accordance with Regulation 1049/2001, Regulation 1367/2006, and Article 42 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, ClientEarth AISBL hereby request access to the following documents:

- ST 13509 2020 REV 1 - NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - political agreement;
- ST 13509 2020 INIT – NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - political agreement
- ST 12528 2020 ADD 8 - NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - Lithuanian comments;
- ST 12528 2020 ADD 7 - NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - French comments;
- ST 12528 2020 INIT - NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - Latvian comments;



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- ST 12348 2020 INIT - NOTE: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters - Supporting document: Worksheet of deductions corresponding to exemptions from the landing obligations;

We also request access to any other documents in the Council's possession that record the Member States' positions in relation to the Commission's Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2021 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters (interinstitutional file 2020/0308).

Finally, we request that the documents falling within the scope of this request be made publicly available on the Council's documents register with immediate effect in order to allow the public to participate in the decision-making process leading to the adoption of the TACs for 2021, in accordance with the Ombudsman's recommendation in case 640/2019/FP, as well as Articles 11 and 12 of Regulation 1049/2001 and Article 4 of Regulation 1367/2001.

Yours faithfully,

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