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Dear Ms Friel,

Following our letter of 15 March 2021, the General Secretariat has concluded the examination of your new request, notably, the content of the identified working papers (WKs).¹

Those six WKs are Presidency summaries of informal videoconference meetings of the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy. In those meetings the Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing the TACs for 2021 was discussed along with other files not related to your application.

Please find attached ST 5293/21 INIT and the relevant parts of the said 6 WKs falling within the scope of your request of 11 December 2020.

Apart from the abovementioned WKs pertaining to the period covered by your previous request and that should have been released previously, we can now ensure you that there are no other documents in the Council's possession containing Member States' positions in relation to the Council Regulation on the 2021 TACs.

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).

In the meantime, we continue to prepare the Council's decision-making process for the reply to your confirmatory application related to your initial request of 11 December 2020. In that context, reference will be made to the above mentioned documents which should have been received by you in the context of the initial application of 11 December 2020, and that we decided to send you now to avoid any further delay.

Nonetheless, should you consider that the content of the present letter makes unnecessary to continue the Council's decision-making process related to your confirmatory application, we would be most grateful if could inform us of your decision at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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