ADDENDUM TO THE "I/A" ITEM NOTE

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- Adoption of the legislative act (LA + S)
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UK Statement

The UK accepts the need to ensure that there is no legal vacuum as regards technical measures legislation. However, the UK is voting against the proposal for the same reasons which led it to vote against the same regulation in 2009, namely that proposed UK amendments to the West of Scotland whitefish protection measures have not been addressed. The Commission is fully aware of UK views on the legal process and delayed assessment of scientific advice, where the timing has left little opportunity to submit further evidence to support our case.

This example clearly demonstrates the need to improve the way fisheries legislation is developed, particularly on technical matters. A regionalised approach would allow for such decisions to be made in a timely and responsive way, in order to reach our objective of sustainable fisheries: a key UK aim for CFP reform.
Council statement on transitional technical measures

The Council invites the Commission to examine requests from Member States to changes to the transitional technical measures. These requests will have to be scientifically assessed. Where there is favourable advice from the Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF), the Commission will examine such requests with a view to proposing appropriate changes at the earliest opportunity. Where there is no such advice Member States will provide evidence, as soon as possible, so that the request can be examined by the STECF.