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Subject: Mission to Korea, 24-25 February 2015 – DG Ms Evans visit to Korea to discuss the state of play of the IUU dialogue process and future cooperation

European Commission: Lowri Evans (Director General DG MARE), Cesar Deben (Principal Adviser to Director General), (Policy Officers IUU, DG MARE).

EU DEL in Korea: Trade Section).

Korean Delegation: authorities of the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) were present during the entire mission, in particular, Mr Kim (Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries), Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries), Distant Waters Fisheries Division –DWFD-), DWFD), MOF), National Fishery Products Quality Management Service –NFQS-), NFQS), Fisheries Monitoring Centre). During the meetings were also present Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and (Korean Overseas Fisheries Association). A courtesy call was also held with Mr Yoo, nominee Minister of Oceans and Fisheries.

1. Summary

The IUU mission in Korea was conducted in a very positive tone. Dialogue has been conducted in a frank, transparent and confident manner. The mission aimed at assessing the Korean authorities progress as regards the implementation of the Action Plan agreed with the European Commission in the framework of the IUU dialogue.

On 24 February, a technical meeting was held to clarify pending issues after the last submission of the progress report by Korean authorities in January 2015. DWFD) and chaired this meeting. The discussions were focused on the implementation of the remaining actions to achieve all the objectives settled in the Action Plan transmitted to Korea last July 2014.

On 25 February, Mr Kim, Vice Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Ms Evans chaired a high level meeting to discuss the current state of play of the IUU dialogue process and possible future cooperation areas. After KOR presentation of its main progress in the fight against IUU fishing, COM congratulated KOR for the cornerstone reforms of fisheries system and encouraged its authorities to plan an effective implementation. COM expressed the satisfaction with the progress made and explained the next steps in the dialogue process until the possible COM decision on the revocation of the pre-identification status of KOR. In the afternoon, a courtesy call was held between Mr Yoo, nominee Minister of Oceans and Fisheries and Ms Evans. KOR thanked the support received by the COM during the difficult process of revision of the fisheries system and expressed their interest in reinforcing bilateral cooperation in a near future beyond IUU fishing matters. COM highlighted the positive momentum to look for common areas of interest to work together in the international scene leading a new phase in oceans governance.

2. Technical Meeting held on 24 February 2015

The agreed agenda contained the following points: legal framework (subordinate rules and regulations); MCS (implementation of Inspection Plan and vessels on high risk of being involved in IUU fishing activities, observer program improvements, progress on VDS); and CC scheme and new risks.

KOR handed out non-papers on each item of the agenda (see attachment).

COM congratulated Korea for last administrative and legal reforms, in particular the adoption of the new legal framework, and emphasised that the most relevant action is the change in the fisheries governance political approach.

- **Legal framework (subordinate rules and regulations)**

KOR clarified the timeframe for the adoption of the subordinate rules and regulations after the adoption of the revised Distant Waters Fisheries Development Act (DWFD Act) last December 2014. Pending the entry into force of this legal text on 7 July 2015, KOR is working on a consistent revision of subordinate rules to be able to implement them by the same date. KOR informed that Draft implementation acts are going through administrative procedures.

COM highlighted the importance of ensuring coherence between main Act and the subordinated regulations,

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- **MCS (implementation of Inspection Plan and vessels on high risk of being involved in IUU fishing activities, observer program improvements, progress on VDS)**

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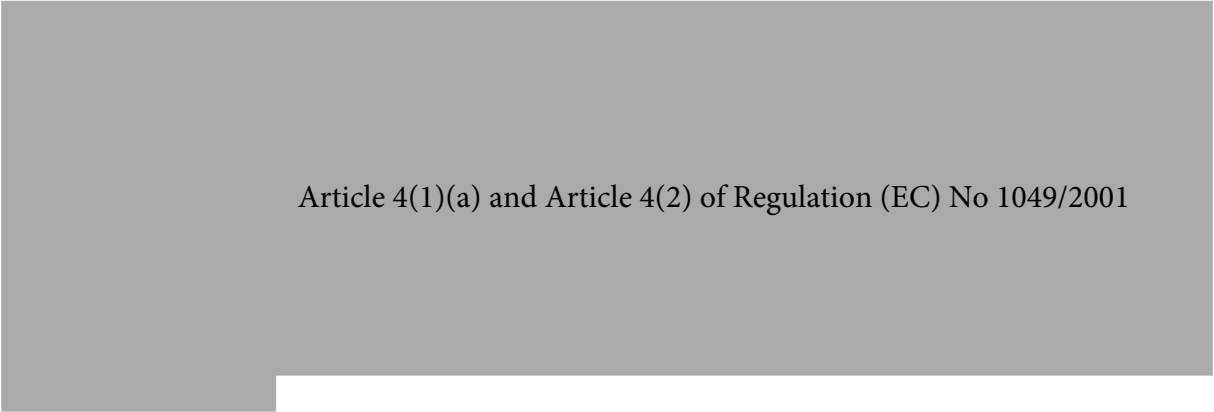
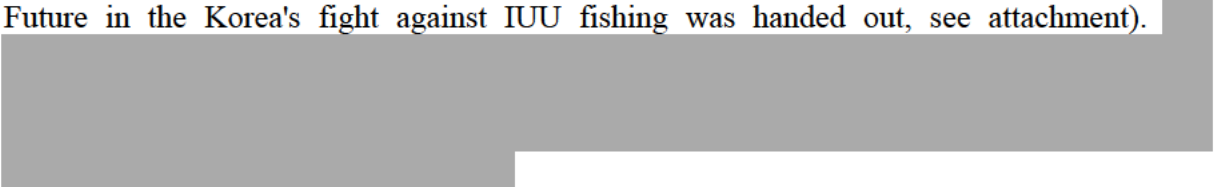
- **Catch Certification Scheme and new risks**

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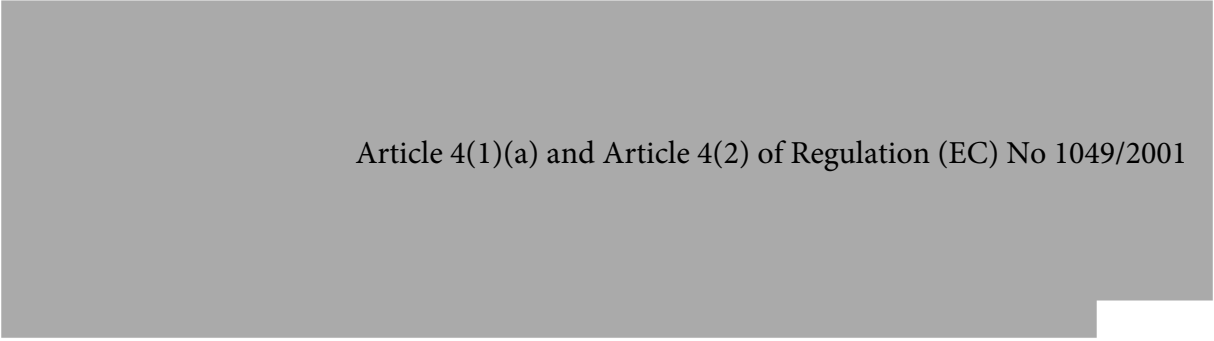

3. High level meeting held on 25 February 2015

The discussions followed the agenda previously agreed: presentation of the actions carried out by KOR to address the shortcomings identified by the COM; assessment by COM of the progress made by KOR since the pre-identification decision; explanation by COM of the next steps within the IUU dialogue; and reflection on future cooperation EU-KOR on fisheries and maritime affairs.


KOR provided an overview of the progress made to fight IUU fishing activities since November 2013 pre-identification COM Decision (A report about the Past, Present and Future in the Korea's fight against IUU fishing was handed out, see attachment).



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Enclosures: Annex 1 – Agenda of the KOR Mission
 Annex 2 – List of exhibits received during the KOR Mission

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