

## MINUTES

### FOCUS GROUP LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

Wednesday 27 June 2018

13:00-16:30

Rue Montoyer 24, 1000, Bruxelles

#### Attendees:

Cristina Fernandez- SEAFISH UK  
Eszter Hidas – WWF  
Katarina Sipic – CONXEMAR observer  
Paulien Prent – Visfederatie  
Roberto C. Alonso – ANFACO-CECOPESCA  
Arnault Chaperon – FEAP  
Beatrice Gorez – CFFA  
Edelmiro Ulloa – OPPC-3  
Daniel Voces – Europeche  
Chiara Bacci – European Commission DG MARE  
Marco Baldoli- AIPCE  
Sandra Sanmartin – MAC  
Pierre Commere – Chair  
Guus Pastoor- MAC Chairman

#### **Work Strategy and Terms of Reference**

- It was agreed to add “EU Commission / other experts for clarification purposes, as needed” under Resources, inputs and external sources.
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#### **Level playing field items to be assessed**

##### **Items discussed:**

- Regulatory and non-regulatory matters
- The full cycle of production needs to be considered
- Capacity of the EU to control that the agreed rules are respected in third countries
- Trade agreements, fisheries partnership agreements, GSP+
- Harmonisation between MS
- Specificities of aquaculture
- Sustainability at the core of the discussion

-Several work strategies on the table: starting from UNCLOS and how the commitments and standards are implemented; stick to the table proposed by the chair (attached as amended after comments during the meeting); compare EU products and imports focusing on EU regulations and whether there are discriminatory elements.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> CFFA would agree provided UNCLOS is mentioned



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-Labour conditions and safety on board need to be considered

-Traceability needs to be considered under 2 aspects: a) hygiene package, and b) fisheries and aquaculture supply chain control

#### **First ideas of case studies to be proposed**

Clams: Italy // Turkey

Red bream Morocco // EU → different sizes

Octopus Mauritania // EU

Philippines

Thailand

Greek filet processed in Turkey sold in Italy

#### **Inside EU:**

- Red Mullet Black sea → different size than other EU fishing zones
- Flatfish in length (NL) // in weight (FR)

#### **Summary of actions & decisions taken**

1. Outline of draft report to be prepared by the beginning of September. Case studies will be selected
2. Level playing field in EU regulation and where are the weaknesses.
3. Report to have four parts:
  - A) Legislation.
  - B) Statistics
  - C) Implementation and control of those regulations.
  - D) Other issues fundamental for the picture. Principles coming from higher bodies,

#### **Contributions by the 31 of August:**

AIPCE: legislation

AIPCE FINFISH STUDY & EUMOFA: statistics

FEAP: aquaculture

SEAFISH: implementation and control

EUROPECHE: regulations regarding fleet + labour conditions

ETF: labour conditions

WWF: traceability

CFFA: IUU & Trade