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Council
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Subject: BS RAC evaluation of the Baltic cod management plan

Dear Mr. Johansson

The multiannual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks includes an obligation for the Commission, based on advice from STECF and the BS RAC, to evaluate the impact of the management measures in the third year of its application, and in each subsequent year. In addition, the Commission is obliged to seek scientific advice from STECF on the rate of progress towards the plan's targets every third year, and to propose modifications of the measures as it deems necessary to reach the plan's objective.

In this context, the BS RAC is therefore requested to provide advice on the performance of the Baltic cod stocks management plan, including any issue that should be taken into account by STECF in its evaluation. Please note that STECF has also been requested to provide scientific advice on the rate of progress towards the targets specified in the management plan. STECF will meet between the 18-22 October (provisional) to evaluate the management plan.

On the basis of the advice received, the Commission will consider the necessary modifications to the management plan.

Yours sincerely,


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Director