DG ENVIRONMENT

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Meeting with European Association of Fish Producer Organisations (EAPO) on mackerel

30 June, 1400-1500

BRIEFING NOTE
Speaking Points

- We strongly oppose the unilateral action taken by Norway, who broke out of a very stable agreement without justification, mainly because the UK and NO were not able to get to a satisfactory access arrangement between the two.

- We are very concerned about the potential impact on the stock.

- Our position remains that we should reach a comprehensive sharing arrangement with all parties.

- We will continue to work closely with Member States and interact with the relevant Commission services, to explore what options are available.
• We will continue to press Norway and the Faroe Islands to resume discussions on sharing as quickly as possible.
• On Svalbard cod, the position of the European Union has been made clear in the two Notes Verbales that have been presented to Norway, the first one in February and the second last week.