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**Amendment 1**  
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**Report**  
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**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 18 – paragraph 8**

*Text proposed by the Council*

*Amendment*

8. As **a supplementary or** alternative method of regional cooperation, Member States **will be empowered, in a Union conservation measure that applies to a relevant geographical area, including in a multiannual plan established pursuant to Articles 9 and 10, to adopt within a set deadline measures further specifying that conservation measure.** The Member States concerned shall closely cooperate in the adoption of such measures. **Paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of this Article shall apply mutatis mutandis. The Commission shall be associated and its comments shall be taken into account.** Member States shall only adopt their respective national measures **if an agreement on the content of those measures has been reached by all the Member States concerned. Where the Commission considers that a Member State's measure does not comply with the conditions set out in the relevant conservation measure, it may, subject to providing relevant reasons, request that the Member State concerned amend or repeal that measure.**

8. As **an** alternative method of regional cooperation Member States **can implement on their own initiative** conservation measures to one or more geographical areas within their own territorial waters or exclusive economic zone. The Member States concerned shall closely cooperate in the adoption of such measures: Member States shall only adopt their respective national measures **after informing all the Member States with territorial waters adjacent to the relevant geographical area. For the avoidance of doubt in respect of the law relating to the British Gibraltar territorial waters and in accordance with the UN Law of the Sea, it is the sole right of the government of Gibraltar to decide its own method to conserve fish stocks without reference to any other Member State or the Commission.**

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