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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2) / Council

No. Cion prop.: 14635/12 PECHE 392 - COM(2012) 579 final

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 and 2014 the fishing opportunities for EU vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks
- Adoption
COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 18.12.2012

1. On 10 October 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Regulation fixing for 2013 and 2014 the fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea stocks.

The proposal aims at fixing for 2013 and 2014 the maximum quantities of fish from specific deep sea stocks that can be caught. No limits in fishing effort are proposed.
2. The European Parliament's participation and the Opinion of the Economic and Social Committee are not required (Art. 43.3 TFEU).
3. The Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meetings on 11, 18, 31 October, and on 8 and 15 November 2012.

4. On 29 November the Council reached a political agreement on the proposal, with Sweden, indicating that it cannot support the final compromise, due to some sustainability concerns.
 5. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to:
 - adopt the text as set out in doc 17289/12 PECHE 525 OC 719 as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings;
 - enter into the minutes of the Council adopting the Regulation the statements set out in the addendum to this note.
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