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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
No. Cion prop.:	16834/12 PECHE 503 - COM(2012) 687 final
Subject:	 Proposal for a Council Regulation on fixing for the 2013 fishing year the guide prices and Union producer prices for certain fishery products pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 104/2000 - Adoption COMMON GUIDELINES Consultation deadline for Croatia: 14.12.2012

- 1. The European Commission adopted the above proposal on 23 November 2012.
- The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy discussed the guide prices for 2013 at its meeting on 21-22 November - based on a non-paper from the Commission¹ - and examined the proposal at its meeting on 27 November 2012. <u>France and United Kingdom</u> entered parliamentary scrutiny reservations.

¹ doc. 16326/12 PECHE 480

- 3. The Working Party reached an agreement on the basis of a Presidency compromise as set out in DS 1813/12, making the following final change to the guide prices:
 - The guide price for whiting (*merlangius merlangius*) increases by 0,5 %
 (907 EUR/tonne) instead of 1,5% (916 EUR/tonne).
- 4. The <u>United Kingdom delegation</u> subsequently announced that it would abstain from the agreement.
- COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and suggest that Council adopt the said Regulation, as set out in the lawyer-linguist doc. 16899/12 PECHE 506 OC 692, at one of its forthcoming sessions.