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from: General Secretariat

to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

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Subject: Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of the Seychelles on the renewal of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement  
- Adoption of Council Decision

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1. On 4 February 2013, the Commission submitted to the Council the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorizing the Commission to open negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of the Seychelles on the renewals of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement. The aim of the new Protocol will be to ensure continued access to the Republic of the Seychelles EEZ since the current protocol will expire 17 January 2014.
2. On 14 February 2013 the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy reached an agreement on the proposal as set out in doc DS 1092/13, with a slight modification of the third bullet point in order to provide more flexibility.
3. The Commission makes a statement as set out in the addendum to this note.

4. COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council at one of its forthcoming sessions:
- Adopt the draft Council Decision as set out in doc. 6497/13 PECHE 62;
  - Decide not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure;
  - Note that the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the above-mentioned decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFUE; and
  - Include the statement in ADD 1 to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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