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**ADDENDUM TO “I/A” ITEM NOTE**

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from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
No. Cion prop.:	7956/13 PECHE 118 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTICTED - COM(2013) 164 final
Subject:	Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union on amendments to the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (the ICCAT convention)

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Delegations will find below a statement by the Commission to be included in the minutes of the Council.

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**Statement by the Commission**

The Commission does not consider it necessary that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis.

However, the Commission is not opposed to it in this case given the particular circumstances in the sector.

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