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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (part 1) / Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- *Political agreement*

1. On 13 July 2011 the European Commission presented its proposal on the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products ("CMO") to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions gave their opinions on 28 March 2012 and 4 May 2012, respectively.¹
3. After an orientation debate held on 19 March 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a "general approach" on 12 June 2012.²

¹ OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p. 183; OJ C 225, 25.7.2012, p.20.

² Doc. 10415/12 PECHE 192 CODEC 1445.

4. The European Parliament voted on its first reading position on 12 September 2012.¹
5. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the Parliament's amendments between January and 5 February 2013.
6. On 13 February 2013, the Permanent Representative Committee adopted a negotiating mandate² for an informal trilogue with the European Parliament, which was held on 27 February 2013. A second trilogue was held on 27 March 2013, based on a revision to the mandate made on 20 March 2013.³, and a conclusive third one on 8 May 2013.
7. The "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council meetings of 22 April⁴ and 13-14 May 2013⁵ were informed about the state of play.
8. A final informal technical meeting with the European Parliament was held on 4 June 2013, dedicated mainly to the recitals, to the final provisions, and to Annex III which details the new mandatory consumer information on the gear type used in wild capture fisheries. During this technical meeting, the parties also agreed on preparing a statement relating to the need to update control provisions after the entry into force of the new CMO.
9. The Committee of Permanent Representatives (Part 1) analysed and endorsed the final compromise text on 14 June 2013.

¹ Doc. 13616/12 CODEC 2093 PECHE 334 PE 390.

² Doc. 6457/13 PECHE 59 CODEC 341.

³ Docs. 7160/13 PECHE 82 CODEC 496 and 6457/2/13 REV 2 PECHE 59 CODEC 341.

⁴ Doc. 7959/13 PECHE 120 CODEC 681.

⁵ Doc. 8988/1/13 PECHE 182 CODEC 941 REV 1.

10. The Committee on Fisheries of the European Parliament endorsed the final compromise text on 18 June 2013. By letter dated 25 June 2013¹, its chairman informed the chairman of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (Part 1), that if the Council formally transmits its position to the Parliament in the form as annexed to that letter, including the agreed joint statement, subject to legal-linguistic revision, he would, in his capacity as chair of the Committee on Fisheries, recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendment.
13. Under these circumstances, the Committee of Permanent Representatives could suggest that Council, at one of its forthcoming sessions:
- confirm the political agreement on the text as contained in document ST 10627/13 with COR 1, noting the draft statement by the Council and the European Parliament annexed to that text.
 - note the statements made by Member States as contained in the addendum to this note.
14. Following this, the proposal would, in the form of a lawyer-linguist document, be submitted for adoption of the Council's position at first reading.

¹ Letter number 311207, IPOL-COM.PECH D(2013)33167.