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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the  
Common Fisheries Policy  
*- Political agreement*

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1. On 13 July 2011, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a new Basic Regulation on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP).
2. To this proposal an overhaul of the Common Organisation of the Markets in Fishery and Aquaculture Products is linked - the proposal was adopted the same day<sup>1</sup> -, as well as the proposal for a new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), which the Commission adopted on 2 December 2011.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 12516/11 PECHE 188 CODEC 1167 - COM(2011) 416 final.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 17870/11 PECHE 368 CADREFIN 162 CODEC 2255 - COM(2011) 804 final.

3. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions gave their opinions on 28 March 2012 and 4 May 2012, respectively.<sup>1</sup>
4. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy completed its second reading in February 2012.<sup>2</sup>
5. After three orientation debates held in March, April and May 2012, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council reached a partial "general approach" on 12 June 2012.<sup>3</sup> This general approach was finalised at the Council meeting of 26 February 2013, in particular concerning the implementation of the discards ban and related provisions (Articles 15 and 16).<sup>4</sup>
6. The European Parliament voted on its position at first reading on 6 February 2013.<sup>5</sup>
7. The Working Party examined the Parliaments' amendments during its meetings from January until 8 March 2013.
8. The Permanent Representative Committee adopted a mandate to open negotiations on 13 March 2013.<sup>6</sup> The three institutions had informal trilogue meetings on 19 March, 26 March, 8, 9 and 24 April 2013.
9. After a further orientation debate at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council of 22 April 2013<sup>7</sup>, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council of 13-14 May revised the Presidency's mandate.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 181, 21.6.2012, p.183; OJ C 225, 27.7.2012, p.20.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 5070/2/12 PECHE 7 CODEC 9 REV 2.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 11322/12 PECHE 227 CODEC 1654.

<sup>4</sup> Doc. 11322/1/12 PECHE 227 CODEC 1654 REV 1.

<sup>5</sup> Doc. 5255/13 CODEC 61 PECHE 39 PE 7.

<sup>6</sup> Docs. 7164/13 PECHE 83 CODEC 498 and 7165/13 PECHE 84 CODEC 499.

<sup>7</sup> Doc. 7959/13 PECHE 120 CODEC 681.

<sup>8</sup> Doc. 7165/3/13 REV 3 PECHE 84 CODEC 499.

10. Conclusive informal trilogues were held on 28 and 29 May 2013, on which the Permanent Representatives Committee received a debriefing on 31 May 2013.<sup>1</sup> A final informal technical meeting was organised on 7 June 2013.
11. The Committee of Permanent Representatives (Part 1) analysed and endorsed the final compromise text on 14 June 2013.
12. The Committee on Fisheries of the European Parliament endorsed the final compromise text on 18 June 2013. By letter dated 20 June 2013<sup>2</sup>, 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. He also suggested that a joint statement on multi-annual plans may be developed.
13. Under these circumstances, the Committee of Permanent Representatives could suggest that Council, at one of its forthcoming sessions:
  - confirm on the political agreement on the text as contained in document ST 10629/13 with COR 1 and COR 2, noting the draft statements 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 10217/13 PECHE 231 CODEC 1255.

<sup>2</sup> Letter number 310831, IPOL-COM.PECH D(2013)32913.