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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Cape Verde
- Adoption

1. On 5 July 2013 the Commission submitted a recommendation to the Council to authorise the opening of negotiations between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement. The current protocol will expire on 31 August 2014.

2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation during its meeting on 5 September 2013. The French and Netherlands delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves. The Swedish delegation entered a general scrutiny reserve.

3. The Working Party agreed on a draft mandate for the opening of negotiations, including negotiating directives, as contained in doc. ST 13374/13 PECHE 361.

4. Under these circumstances, the Committee of Permanent Representatives could confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and suggests that Council, at one of its forthcoming sessions:

- adopt the Decision on opening negotiations and to adopt the negotiation directives as set out in doc. ST 13374/13 PECHE 361;
- 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 in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and therefore a paper copy of the Decision including the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the Parliament;
- enter the Commission statement in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
