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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 as regards certain provisions relating to financial management of certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability (doc. 11641/13 PECHE 283 CODEC 1620 CADREFIN 163)
- endorsement of Council position

1. On 18 June 2013, the European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council. This proposed amendment to Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006 on the European Fisheries Fund is to extend, beyond 31 December 2013, a derogation which was introduced by Regulation (EU) No 387/2012 to introduce certain provisions relating to financial management of certain Member States experiencing or threatened with serious difficulties with respect to their financial stability.
2. Discussions in the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy on 5 and 12 September 2013 showed the need to align the Council's position to that adopted in similar proposals for the structural funds and the rural development fund. An initial discussion on the wording of such an alignment was based on a Presidency compromise.

3. In the light of this initial discussion, the Presidency issued on 17 September 2013 a revised compromise set out in doc. 13508/1/13 REV 1. Delegations were informed that in the absence of delegations signalling to the Secretariat further needs for change by 23 September 2013, the file would be presented to COREPER for endorsement of the Council's position.
 4. By 24 September 2013, the Secretariat had received no requests for further changes.
 5. In consequence, COREPER is invited to endorse the Council's position on the said proposal as set out in the addendum to this note.
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