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**TRANS 484  
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**“I/A” ITEM NOTE**

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from: General Secretariat of the Council  
to: Coreper/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977  
- Adoption

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1. The above-mentioned proposal, which the Commission transmitted to Council on 31 January 2013, authorises the Member States to sign, sign and ratify, or accede, as appropriate, to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977.
2. The 1993 Protocol was - to a large extent - transposed into Union legislation through Council Directive 97/70/EC<sup>1</sup> setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 34, 9.2.1998, p.1.

3. Following examination at several meetings of the Shipping Working Party, Coreper on 6 September 2013 resolved the outstanding issues and decided to forward the agreed text to a revision through the Council lawyer-linguist service. This revised text is reflected in document 13408/13 TRANS 466 MAR 126.
4. At Coreper several delegations informed the Committee about their intention to deliver statements to the minutes of the Council upon adoption of the Council Decision. These statements will be reflected in addenda to this note.
5. MT and UK still have parliamentary scrutiny reservations on the draft Council Decisions.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is, therefore, invited:
  - to endorse the Council Decision as reflected in document 13408/13 TRANS 466 MAR 126 (text finalised by the legal/linguistic experts),
  - to forward the endorsed text to the Council for adoption, and
  - to suggest to the Council to decide to forward the adopted decision to the European Parliament for its consent.

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