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from:	Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN)
on:	13 February 2012
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
Subject:	Special Report No 12/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?" - <i>Adoption of Council conclusions</i>

1. At its meeting on 18 January 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) examined Special Report No 12/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?" (doc. 18631/11).
2. At its meeting on 13 February 2012, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) reached agreement on draft Council conclusions on the above report.

3. In accordance with the conclusions adopted by the Council on 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors, the Working Party on Financial Agricultural Questions (AGRIFIN) invites the Permanent Representatives Committee to suggest to the Council that it adopt the draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex to this note as an "A" item at a forthcoming session.
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DRAFT COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS

**on Special Report No 12/2011 from the European Court of Auditors entitled
"Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available
fishing opportunities?"**

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- (1) WELCOMES Special Report No 12/2011 from the European Court of Auditors, entitled "Have EU measures contributed to adapting the capacity of the fishing fleets to available fishing opportunities?";
- (2) NOTES that the audit was carried out at the Commission and in seven Member States;
- (3) RECALLS that on 13 July 2011, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Fisheries Policy¹ and that on 2 December 2011, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Fisheries Fund². Both proposals are currently being examined in Council and by the Council's preparatory bodies and the Special Report in question has also been referred to in the context of this examination.

¹ 12514/11.

² 17870/11.