



**COUNCIL OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat
to:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council
No. Cion prop.:	8520/12 PECHE 110 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED - SEC(2012) 149 final
Subject:	Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Solomon Islands - Adoption of Council Decision

1. On 2 April 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Solomon Islands. The aim of the new Protocol will be to ensure continued access to the Solomon Islands EEZ since the current protocol expires on 8 October 2012.
2. The Working Party examined the proposal at its meetings of 12-13 April and 24 May 2012. On 24 May 2012 the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy reached an agreement on the proposal as set out in doc DS 1256/12 with the Netherlands and Swedish delegations reserving their positions.
3. The Danish, French, Netherlands and United Kingdom delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves.

4. COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council at one of its forthcoming sessions:
- Adopt the draft Council Decision as set out in doc. 10357/12 PECHE 186;
 - Decide not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure; and
 - Note that the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the above-mentioned decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFUE.
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