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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand
- Adoption

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule of Government of Greenland, on the other hand
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the method and the deadline in the case of underutilisation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand
- Adoption

COMMON GUIDELINES
Consultation deadline: 11.07.2012

- 1) The European Commission submitted the above proposals to Council on 31 May 2012.
- 2) These proposals follow the Council's decision of July 2011 to grant the Commission a mandate to negotiate a new fisheries protocol with Greenland. A new protocol was initialled on 3 February 2012. The new protocol is for three years, and basically consists in a continuation of the previous terms of the protocol, with some changes in fishing opportunities and the addition of a suspension clause in case that fundamental human rights or democratic principles are violated.
- 3) The Working Party on Internal and External Fishery Policy on 8 June 2012 reached agreement on the text of the Council Decision on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol. The French, United Kingdom and Danish delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy on 27 June 2012 reached agreement on the texts of the Council Regulation and of the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol.
- 4) Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party and could suggest that COUNCIL, at a forthcoming session:
 - (a) decides on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Protocol agreed between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand, setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the parties currently in force as set out in docs. 11116/12 and 11119/12 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts);
 - (b) adopts the Regulation establishing the method and the deadline in the case of underutilisation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol agreed between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand, setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the parties currently in force as set out in doc. 11115/12 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and

- (c) requests the consent of the European Parliament on the text of the protocol as set out in doc. 11119/12 with a view to the later adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion of a Protocol agreed between the European Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand, setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the parties currently in force, after the signing of the protocol by the parties.
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