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ADDENDUM TO “I/A” ITEM NOTE

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| from: | General Secretariat |
| to: | Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council |
| No. Cion prop.: | 12247/12 PECHE 267 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED - COM(2012) 361 final |
| Subject: | Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorize the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire - Adoption of Council Decision |

Delegations will find below a statement by the Commission to be included in the minutes of the Council.

Statement by the Commission

The Commission does not consider it necessary that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis.

However, the Commission is not opposed to it in this case given the particular circumstances in the sector.
