



**COUNCIL OF
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“I/A” ITEM NOTE

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

1. On 5 July 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council the Recommendation for a Council Decision authorizing 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. The aim of the new Protocol will be to ensure continued access to the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire EEZ since the current protocol expires on 30 June 2013.
2. On 12 July 2012 the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy reached an agreement on the proposal as set out in doc DS 1506/12 with the Swedish delegation reserving its position.
3. The Netherlands delegation entered a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

4. The Commission makes a statement as set out in the addendum to this note.
 5. 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. 12565/12 PECHE 281;
 - Decide not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure;
 - Note that the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the above-mentioned decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFUE; and
 - Include the statement in ADD 1 to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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