



**COUNCIL OF  
THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**TRANS 303  
MAR 115**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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from: General Secretariat  
to: COREPER/Council

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Subject: Preparation of the IMO Diplomatic Conference on the safety of fishing vessels (consideration and adoption of an Agreement on the implementation of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the 1977 Torremolinos Convention), Cape Town, South Africa, 9-11 October 2012.  
- European Union coordination of a common position

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1. In preparation for the IMO Diplomatic Conference on the Safety of Fishing Vessels (consideration and adoption of an Agreement on the implementation of the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 relating to the 1977 Torremolinos Convention), in Cape Town, South Africa, on 9-11 October 2012, the Commission services presented to the Shipping Working Party a Commission Staff Working Document<sup>1</sup> containing a proposal for the Member States coordinated positions.

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<sup>1</sup> ST 14063/12 TRANS 302 MAR 114

2. At Union level, the safety of fishing vessels is regulated through Council Directive 97/70/EC of 11 December 1997<sup>2</sup> which transposes the Torremolinos Protocol of 1993 by setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over.
3. On 26 September 2012 the Shipping Working Party examined the aforementioned Commission Staff Working Document.
4. In the light of the above, COREPER is invited to endorse the recommended EU positions reflected in document ST 14063/12 and to submit it to COUNCIL for approval.

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<sup>2</sup> Council Directive 97/70/EC of 11 December 1997 setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessel of 24 metres in length and over, OJ L 34, 09.02.1998, p. 1 - 29.