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from: Working Party on External Fisheries Policy
to Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Fishery Partnership Agreement and of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius
- Adoption

Proposal for a Council Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius
- Adoption

Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of a new Fishery Partnership Agreement and of a new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius
- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline: 3.10.2012

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposals to Council on 3 August 2012.
2. These proposals follow the Council's Decision of 23 January 2012 to grant the Commission a mandate to negotiate a Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Protocol with the Republic of Mauritius. A new Fisheries Partnership Agreement and Protocol were subsequently initialled on 23 February 2012.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fishery Policy on 6 September 2012 reached agreement on the texts, whereby the Danish, French, Netherlands and United Kingdom delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reservations. The Swedish delegation entered a general scrutiny reservation and subsequently declared its intention to vote against adopting the proposals.
4. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party, and could suggest that COUNCIL, at a forthcoming session, with Sweden opposing:
 - (a) decides on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement and of the Protocol setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius as set out in doc. 13500/12 PECHE 324 OC 472 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts);
 - (b) adopts the Regulation on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius as set out in doc. 13502/12 PECHE 326 OC 474 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and
 - (c) requests the consent of the European Parliament on the text of the Agreement and Protocol as set out in doc. 13503/12 PECHE 327 OC 475 with a view to the later adoption of the Council Decision on the conclusion of a new Fisheries Partnership Agreement and of a new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Mauritius (doc. 13501/12 PECHE 325 OC 473), after the signing of the Agreement and Protocol by the parties.
