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from: General Secretariat

to: Coreper/Council

Subject: Proposal for Council Decision a on the accession of the European Union to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil

- Adoption of the Council Decision on the accession

COMMON GUIDELINES

Consultation deadline for Croatia: 3.12.2012

1. On 27 October 2011, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the accession of the European Union to the Protocol for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against pollution resulting from exploration and exploitation of the continental shelf and the seabed and its subsoil. ¹
2. The draft decision on accession, as contained in J/L document 9671/12, was submitted to the European Parliament for its consent.

¹ 16562/11.

3. On 20 November 2012, the European Parliament gave its consent to the draft Decision on the accession to the Protocol.
4. On 29 November 2012, J/L document 9671/12 COR 1 was issued, in order to take into account the date of the European Parliament's consent.
5. With a view to acceding to the Protocol, the Permanent Representatives Committee is thus invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of its forthcoming meeting on 17 December, adopt the draft Decision on the accession as contained in J/L documents 9671/12 and 9671/12 COR 1.
