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## "I/A" ITEM NOTE

| From:          | General Secretariat of the Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| To:            | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| No. Cion doc.: | 11008/15 PECHE 257 + ADD1, 2 - COM(2015) 346 final                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Subject:       | Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the Home Rule Government of Greenland, on the other hand  - Adoption |

- 1. <u>The European Commission</u> submitted the above proposal to the Council on 16 July 2015.
- 2. Following an examination of the Protocol at the level of the Working Party for Fisheries Policy, the Council decided on 16 November 2015 to sign and provisionally apply the Protocol.
- 3. On that same day, the Council also decided to request the consent of the Parliament to conclude the Protocol<sup>1</sup> following its decision to amend the legal basis of the proposed Decision on conclusion to refer to Article 43 TFEU in its entirety as legal basis.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. doc 13327/1/15 PECHE 382 REV1 + ADD 1.

- 4. The Protocol was signed on 27 November 2015 and applies provisionally from 1 January 2016 pursuant to Article 14 thereof.
- 5. The European Parliament gave its consent on 12 April 2016.
- 6. Consequently, <u>COREPER</u> is invited to suggest that Council:
  - adopts the draft Decision as set out in doc. 11634/15 PECHE 277 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and
  - enters in the minutes of the Council adopting the Decision the statement by the
     Commission in the addendum to this note.

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