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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8714/16 PECHE 154 - COM(2016) 241 final
Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2016/72 as regards fishing opportunities for sandeel in certain Union waters
	- Adoption

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1. The Commission transmitted the above proposal<sup>1</sup> to the Council on 10 May 2016.
2. The objective of this proposal was to amend the fishing opportunities for sandeel on the basis of real-time monitoring and in line with ICES advice. Since at the time of its adoption the outcome of the real monitoring exercise was not yet known, the relevant figures in the table were set as "p.m.". Following the transmission of the proposal, the Commission submitted two non-papers updating it<sup>2</sup>, the first one containing the fishing opportunities for anchovy in the Bay of Biscay, and the second one, the revised figures for sandeel resulting from the real-time monitoring.
3. On 19 May 2016, the Working Party examined the proposal and reached an agreement on its content, as updated by the two non-papers earlier referred to.

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<sup>1</sup> doc. 8714/16 PECHE 154.

<sup>2</sup> docs. 8845/16 PECHE 159 (anchovy) and 9033/16 PECHE 167 (sandeel).

4. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to adopt the text as set out in doc. 9044/16 PECHE 169 (as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts), as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings.
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