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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force - Adoption

Statement by the Commission

The Commission maintains its position and is therefore opposed to the Council's amendment replacing the legal basis of article 43(2) in conjunction with article 218(6)(a) with article 43 (without mentioning the paragraph) in conjunction with article 218(6)(a).