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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
No. Cion doc.:	8215/16 PECHE 148 - COM(2016) 225 final
Subject:	COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending Implementing Decision 2014/170/EU establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing as regards Sri Lanka <i>- Adoption</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal on 21 April 2016 to the Council.
2. The proposal amends Council Implementing Decision 2014/170/EU of 24 March 2014¹ establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The Decision envisages removing Sri Lanka from that list in view of Sri Lanka's improved compliance with international obligations in this field, its introduction of a more efficient control and monitoring system, and its assurance with regard to implementing the catch certification scheme.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy discussed the proposal on 12 May 2016.

¹ OJ L 91, 27.3.2014, p. 43.

4. The DK delegation entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation. The UK delegation has subsequently lifted its parliamentary scrutiny reservation.
 5. The Commission representative highlighted, in addition to regulatory and control efforts, the achievement in the cooperation at regional level at IOTC.
 6. Delegations taking the floor supported the IUU scheme and its application by the Commission. Delegations welcomed the contribution of this policy to the international sustainability profile of the Union and highlighted the importance of a close cooperation with the Commission services. They also pointed out the importance of this decision for the broader political relations with Sri Lanka.
 7. Following this discussion, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that Council adopts the Decision to remove Sri Lanka from the list of non-cooperating third countries, as set out in document 8560/16 PECH 152 (lawyer-linguists' document).
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