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PECHE 253

#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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Subject: Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and protocol with the Republic of Kenya  
- *Adoption of the Council Decision*

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1. The European Commission submitted the above recommendation to the Council on 20 May 2016<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation during its meeting on 9 June 2016 and reached an agreement on the text, while adding a substantive legal base (Article 43 TFEU).
3. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
  - adopts the Decision on opening negotiations and adopts the negotiating directives as set out in doc. 10752/16 PECHE 252;

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<sup>1</sup> The ex-ante evaluation of a possible future Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the United Republic of Kenya was received on 19 December 2014 (cf. doc. 17149/14 PECHE 605 + ADD 1 & 2).

- decides not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure;
  - notes that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and therefore a paper copy of the Decision including the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the Parliament;
  - enters the statement(s) in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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