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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Coreper/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to sign, ratify or accede to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977 - Adoption

1. The above-mentioned proposal, which the Commission transmitted to Council on 31 January 2013, authorises the Member States to sign, sign and ratify, or accede, as appropriate, to the Cape Town Agreement of 2012 on the Implementation of the provisions of the 1993 Protocol relating to the Torremolinos International Convention for the Safety of Fishing Vessels, 1977. The legal base of the proposal requires the consent of the European Parliament.

2. The 1993 Protocol was - to a large extent - transposed into Union legislation through Council Directive 97/70/EC¹ setting up a harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over.
3. Following examination at several meetings of the Shipping Working Party, Coreper on 6 September 2013 resolved the outstanding issues and decided to forward the agreed text to a revision through the Council lawyer-linguist service. This revised text is reflected in document 13408/13 TRANS 466 MAR 126.
4. At Coreper several delegations indicated their intention to enter statements to the minutes of the Council adopting this Council Decision. These statements are in the addenda to document 13952/13 TRANS 484 MAR 137 and will appear in the minutes to the Council adopting this Council Decision.
5. On 17 October 2013 Council agreed in principle to the draft Council Decision and decided to ask for the consent of the European Parliament.
6. The European Parliament gave its consent to the draft Council Decision on 4 February 2014.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is, therefore, invited:
 - to endorse the draft Council Decision as reflected in document 13408/13 TRANS 466 MAR 126 (text finalised by the legal/linguistic experts), and
 - to forward the endorsed text to Council for final adoption.

¹ OJ L 34, 9.2.1998, p.1.