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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**PECHE 47**

**"I/A" ITEM NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/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 renewal of the protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Mauritania  
*- Adoption of Council Decision*

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1. The Commission submitted the above recommendation to the Council on 20 December 2013<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Working Party on External Fisheries policy examined the recommendation on 23 and 30 January 2014 and reached an agreement on the text on the basis of a draft Council decision including negotiating directives<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Danish and Netherlands delegations entered Parliamentary scrutiny reserves. The Danish, Netherlands and Swedish delegations also entered scrutiny reserves. These reserves have subsequently been lifted.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. doc 5018/14 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED PECHE 1

<sup>2</sup> Cf. DS 1016/14 REV 1

4. 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 including the negotiating directives as set out in doc. 6051/14 PECHE 48;
  - 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 statements in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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