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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	COUNCIL REGULATION fixing for 2017 and 2018 the fishing opportunities for Union fishing vessels for certain deep-sea fish stocks and amending Council Regulation (EU) 2016/72 - <i>Adoption</i>

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1. On 6 October 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council its proposal for a Council Regulation, based on Art. 43(3) TFEU, fixing the fishing opportunities for certain deep-sea stocks for 2017 and 2018.
2. The proposal aims at fixing the total allowable catch (TAC) of fish from specific deep sea stocks for the upcoming two years. In addition, the Commission updated its proposal in line with recent scientific advice to allow for an increase of the TAC for 2016 in the anchovy fishery in ICES subareas IX and X and Union waters of CECAF area 34.1.1, from 10 622 t to 15 000 t, by amending the Regulation on fishing opportunities for 2016.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EU) 2016/72 of 22 January 2016 fixing for 2016 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2015/104 (OJ L 22, 28.1.2016, p. 1).

3. The Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meetings on 13, 19 and 27 October 2016. The Permanent Representatives Committee discussed the proposal on 9 November 2016.
  4. On 14 November 2016 the Council reached unanimous political agreement on the proposal.
  5. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invites the Council to:
    - adopt the Regulation's text as set out in doc. 14623/16 PECHE 441, which has been finalised by the legal/linguistic experts, as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming meetings;
    - enter into the Council's minutes the statements set out in the addendum to this note.
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