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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2016/1903 fixing for 2017 fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Baltic Sea
- *Adoption*

1. The European Commission submitted its proposal to the Council on 10 January 2017 whereby an exemption from the seasonal closure for Western Cod is introduced for vessels smaller than 15 metres, except pair trawling vessels, which are equipped with a vessel's monitoring system in accordance with article 9(2) of Regulation 1224/2009, in areas where the water depth is less than 20 meters.¹
2. On 12 January 2017, the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined and agreed on the proposal. DK and UK entered parliamentary scrutiny reservations.
3. Therefore, COREPER is invited:

¹ Doc. 5018/17 PECHE 1.

- to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party on the proposal as submitted by the Commission; and
 - to recommend to the Council the adoption of the regulation as set out in doc. 5117/17 PECHÉ 7 (as finalised by the legal/linguistic experts), as an "A" item at one of its forthcoming sessions.
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