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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	5604/17 PECHE 32 + ADD 1 - COM(2017) 27 final
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 the Republic of Guinea-Bissau - <i>Adoption of the Council Decision</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above recommendation to the Council on 24 January 2017.¹
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation during its meeting on 2 February 2017 and reached an agreement on the text², while adding a substantive legal base (Art 43 TFEU). DK and NL entered Parliamentary scrutiny reservations.
3. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached on the level of the Working Party and suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:

¹ The evaluation of the Protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement concluded between the European Union and Guinea-Bissau was received on 18 January 2017 (cf. doc. 5437/17 PECHE 22 + ADD 1).

² Cf. doc. 5625/17 PECHE 33.

- adopts the Decision on opening negotiations and adopts the negotiating directives as set out in doc. 5716/17 PECHÉ 34;
 - 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; and
 - enters the statement in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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