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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL on the sustainable management of external fishing
fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008
- *Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament*

1. On 11 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the European Parliament and the Council a proposal for a Regulation on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008¹. The proposal envisages an overhaul of the regime of authorisations for Union fishing vessels to fish outside Union waters, and for third country vessels to fish inside Union waters.
2. Following examination of the proposal at the level of the preparatory bodies of the Council, the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council agreed a general approach on 28 June 2016².

¹ Cf. Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 of 29 September 2008 concerning authorisations for fishing activities of Community fishing vessels outside Community waters and the access of third country vessels to Community waters, amending Regulations (EEC) No 2847/93 and (EC) No 1627/94 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 3317/94, OJ L 286, 29.10.2008, p. 33.

² Cf. doc. 10639/16 PECHE 240 CODEC 958.

3. On 2 February 2017, the European Parliament adopted its first-reading position³.
 4. Following an examination of the amendments of the European Parliament and the positions set out in the general approach, the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy reached, on 2 March 2017, an agreement on a Presidency compromise for a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament (cf. doc. 6304/2/17 REV 2 PECHE 58 CODEC 211).
 5. Consequently, COREPER is invited to endorse the mandate as set out in doc. 6304/2/17 REV 2 PECHE 58 CODEC 211 to enable the Presidency to open negotiations with the European Parliament.
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³ Cf. doc. 5866/17 CODEC 141 PECHE 44 PE 4 + ADD 1.