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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/2192 on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania - <i>Adoption</i>

1. The European Commission submitted on 15 March 2017 its proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2015/2192 on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. The Proposal is the result of the decision of 15-16 November 2016 by the EU/Mauritania Joint Committee to grant new fishing opportunities to EU freezer trawlers for black hake as well as squid and cuttlefish as secondary targeted species, within the limits of the available surplus.
2. At the meeting on 23 March 2017 of the Working Party for Internal and External Fisheries Policy, an agreement was reached on the text of the draft Regulation. ES, FR, IT and NL requested that the Regulation be adopted as soon as possible. DK, NL and UK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.

3. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to decide that the draft Regulation as set out in doc. 7484/2017 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) is adopted by the Council by written procedure as soon as the parliamentary scrutiny reserves are lifted.
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