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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
No. Cion doc.:	10519/16 PECHE 235 CODEC 929 + ADD 1 - COM(2016) 401 final
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EC) No 1984/2003 and (EC) No 520/2007 <i>- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council on 17 June 2016. The proposal aims at implementing in EU law, conservation, control and enforcement measures which ICCAT has adopted since 2008 and which are binding on the EU, with the exception of measures in relation to the multiannual recovery plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, which have been subject to a separate implementation process.
2. Subsequent to the examination of the proposal by the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy, COREPER established, on 26 October 2016, the Council's position on the proposal as set out in doc. 13017/2/16 REV 2 PECHE 358 CODEC 1403.

3. The Fisheries Commission of the European Parliament adopted, on 24 April 2017, its report¹ on the proposal and decided to open negotiations with the Council. This decision will be announced in Plenary during May I 2017.
4. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the report on 4 May 2017 and reached an agreement on a Presidency compromise for a negotiating mandate as set out in doc. 8539/17 PECHE 168 CODEC 658.
5. COREPER is therefore invited to agree with the compromise and to approve the mandate on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EC) No 1984/2003 and (EC) No 520/2007, as set out in doc. 8539/17 PECHE 168 CODEC 658, in view to start negotiations with the European Parliament.

¹ Cf. doc. 8616/17 PECHE 175 CODEC 674.