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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION establishing a list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

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1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal on 26 November 2013 to the Council.
2. The proposal is to be seen in the context of the Commission's decision of 15 November 2012¹ to inform eight countries of the possibility of their identification as countries that the Commission considers as non-cooperating under the Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 on establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU fishing). Following a close dialogue with those eight countries, the Commission on 26 November 2013² decided to identify three of them, namely Belize, Cambodia and Guinea-Conakry.

¹ OJ C 354, 17.11.2012, p.1.

² OJ C 346, 27.11.2013, p. 2.

3. The current proposal envisages the public listing of those three countries by Council implementing decision. After a Council decision, the Commission would publish the list and a series of measures would apply in the bilateral relations with those countries, in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008.
 4. The United Kingdom, French and Danish delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves which in the meantime have been lifted.
 5. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy discussed the proposal between 4 December 2013 and 26 February 2014. The Commission representative informed the Working Party about the continuing bilateral dialogues, which had shown some progress in respect of Belize and particularly Guinea-Conakry, but not sufficient to remedy the situation in the near future.
 6. Under these circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that Council, at one of its forthcoming meetings, decide on a list of non-cooperating third countries as set out in document ST 6262/14 PECHE 61 (lawyer-linguists' document).
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