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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of 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 for a period of two years
- Adoption

1. The European Commission submitted on 24 September 2012 the above proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of 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 for a period of two years.
2. The Council decided on 3 December 2012 to sign and provisionally apply the protocol as well as to request the consent of the European Parliament to conclude the protocol¹ following the signing of the Protocol by the Parties.

¹ Cf. docs 16572/1/12 REV 1 PECHE 493 and 16639/1/12 REV 1 PECHE 496 + ADD 1

3. The Parties signed the Protocol respectively in Brussels on 12 December and on 16 December 2012 in Nouakchott. The Protocol applies provisionally from the latter date². The request for consent to conclude the Protocol was submitted to the European Parliament on 19 December 2012.
 4. The European Parliament gave its consent on 8 October 2013.
 5. As a consequence, COREPER could suggest that the Council, at one of its forth-coming sessions, adopts the decision to conclude the protocol as set out in doc. 15777/12 PECHE 452 OC 620 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) and enters the Commission statement in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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² Cf. OJ L 361 of 31.12.2012, p. 10.