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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 conclusion of the Protocol between the European Union and the Gabonese Republic setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two Parties currently in force

- Adoption

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 1 July 2013.
2. Following an examination of the Protocol at the level of the Working Party for Fisheries Policy, the Council decided on 22 July to sign the protocol.
3. The Protocol was signed on 24 July 2013 and applies provisionally from that date.

4. The Council decided on 16 December 2013 to request the consent of the Parliament to conclude the Protocol¹ following its decision to amend the legal basis to Article 43 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and (7) of TFEU and to amend Article 3 of the proposed Decision on conclusion.
5. The European Parliament gave its consent on 5 February 2014.
6. The United Kingdom delegation and the Netherlands delegation have stated their intention to respectively vote against and abstain regarding the conclusion.
7. Consequently, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council
 - adopts the draft decision as set out in doc. 11871/13 PECHE 295 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and
 - enters in the minutes of the Council adopting the decision the statement by the Commission in the revised addendum to this note.

¹ Cf. doc. 16555/1/13 REV 1 PECHE 547