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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 between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and 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 8 November 2013.
2. The proposal followed the Council's Decision of 18 March 2013 to grant the Commission a mandate to negotiate a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Union of the Comoros. A new Protocol was subsequently initialled on 5 July 2013.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 14 and 22 November 2013 and reached an agreement on the text, on the basis of a Presidency compromise amending the proposed legal basis and Article 3 of the proposed Decision¹.

¹ Cf. doc. 16274/13 PECHE 535

4. On 15 - 16 December 2013, the Council decided to sign and provisionally apply the Protocol and to request the consent of the European Parliament following the signing of the Protocol by the Parties which took place on 23 December 2013.
 5. The European Parliament gave its consent on 16 April 2014.
 6. Consequently, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council, at a forthcoming session:
 - (a) adopts the Decision on the conclusion of the new Protocol between the European Union and the Union of the Comoros setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force to as set out in doc. 16130/13 PECHE 530 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) ;
 - (b) enters the statement in the addendum to this note in the minutes.
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