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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 position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM)
- Adoption of the Council Decision

1. The Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 10 March 2014¹.
2. The Working Party on External Fisheries policy examined the proposal on 18 March, 24 and 30 April 2014² and reached an agreement on the text. In particular, the Working Party added some GFCM-specific elements to the proposed mandate and agreed not to include a reference to the adoption of actions related to the institutional modernisation of GFCM, considering that this element was not needed in the multiannual mandate and should instead be considered separately in the context of finalising the GFCM reform.

¹ Cf. doc. 7566/14 PECHE 126 + Add 1

² Cf. doc. 8978/1/14 REV 1 PECHE 204.

3. The Netherlands, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations entered scrutiny reserves on the text, notably in relation to point a) under principles in the Annex I.
4. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
 - adopts the Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) as set out in doc. 9389/14 PECHE 218;
 - decides not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure;
 - notes that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and therefore a paper copy of the Decision including the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the Parliament;
 - enters the statement in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
