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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the two parties currently in force - Adoption of Croatian language version

1. The European Commission presented the above proposal to the Council on 19 September 2012.
2. On 28 November 2012, 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 6 December 2012.
3. The European Parliament gave its consent on 16 April 2014.

4. On May 2014¹ the Council adopted the Decision on the conclusions of the Protocol agreed between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar setting out fishing opportunities and the financial contributions provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between two parties currently in force, with the exception of the Croatian language version. The German, Netherlands and Swedish delegations noted their intention to abstain.
5. COREPER is invited to suggest that COUNCIL, at one of its forth-coming sessions:
 - a) adopts with unanimity the Croatian language version of the Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol as set out in doc. 14164/1/12 REV 1 PECHE 366 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts) ;
 - b) enters the statement in the addendum to this note in the minutes.

¹ Doc. 9138/2/14 REV 2 PECHE 209