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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be adopted, on behalf of the European Union, in the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

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 several occasions, most lately on 12 June 2014. An agreement was reached on a Presidency Compromise² supported by all delegations, including the Commission. The Commission continues to consider the change of legal basis as unnecessary. The Spanish delegation entered a scrutiny reserve.

¹ Cf. doc. 7569/14 PECHE 128 + ADD 1.

² Cf. doc. 10099/2/14 REV 1 PECHE 266.

3. 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 Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) as set out in doc. 10974/14 PECHE 315 + COR 1;
 - 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(s) in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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