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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of an Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak

-adoption

1. The European Commission submitted on 25 June 2014 the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal is a follow-up to the negotiations for a new agreement between the European Union and Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak, as the existing agreement expired on 7 August 2012. On 8 November 2011, the Council had authorised the European Commission to open negotiations on such an Agreement¹; these negotiations were concluded on 24 October 2013.

¹ Doc. 15619/11 PECHE 292 N 29

3. The proposal was examined by the Working Party on Internal and External Fishery policy on 3 July 2014. The Danish and United Kingdom delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves. The Spanish and French delegations entered scrutiny reserves. The Presidency noted broad support for the proposal as presented by the European Commission.
 4. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party and to suggest that Council, at a forthcoming session and as an "A" item:
 - decides on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Kingdom of Norway on reciprocal access to fishing in the Skagerrak, as set out in doc. ST 11643/14 PECHE 346 (Council Decision as revised by the legal-linguistic experts) and doc. ST 11692/14 PECHE 347 (text of the Agreement as revised by the legal-linguistic experts);
 - decides to forward this Decision on the signature and the provisional application of the Agreement to the European Parliament for information.
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