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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007

- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

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On 7 October 2014, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2187/2005 and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1098/2007.

The proposal is based on Article 43(2) TFEU, which provides for the European Parliament and for the Council to act in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required.

However, in view of the subject matter of the proposal which covers a specific region, the Baltic, it appears appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis<sup>1</sup>. When submitting the above proposal, the Commission suggested to the Council to consult the Committee of the Regions. The procedure is in accordance with Articles 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to request the Committee of the Regions to deliver its opinion on the Commission proposal set out in document 14028/14 PECHÉ 455 CODEC 1967 as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance of the proposal.