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From: Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy
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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION amending the list of non-cooperating third countries in fighting IUU fishing pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 establishing a Community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal on 14 October 2014 to the Council.
2. The proposal aims at amending Council Implementing Decision of 24 March 2014¹ on the listing of Belize, Cambodia and Guinea-Conakry as non-cooperating third countries in fighting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU fishing). It envisages removing Belize from that list in view of Belize's improved compliance with international obligations in this field, its introduction of a more efficient control and monitoring system, and its assurance with regard to implementing the catch certification scheme.
3. The United Kingdom and Danish delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves.
4. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy discussed the proposal on 29 October 2014, followed by further information that the Commission provided on the redress measures taken by Belize.

¹ OJ L 91, 27.3.2014, p.1.

Under these circumstances, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that Council, at one of its forthcoming meetings, decide on removing Belize from the list of non-cooperating third countries, as set out in document 15295/14 PECHÉ 526 (lawyer-linguists' document).
