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Subject: 1) Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde
- adoption

2) Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde
- adoption

3) Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde
- request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The European Commission submitted the three above proposals to the Council on 19 November 2014.

2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposals at its meetings on 20 November¹ and 4 December 2014 and reached an agreement on the texts, including amending the legal base of the decision on conclusion to "Article 43 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and (7) thereof"².
3. The Netherlands, Swedish and United Kingdom delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves.
4. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party and to suggest that Council, at a forthcoming session:
 - (a) adopts the Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde as set out in doc. 15845/14 PECHE 550 (as finalised by the legal linguistic experts);
 - (b) adopts the Regulation on the allocation of fishing opportunities under the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde as set out in doc. 15846/14 PECHE 551 (as finalised by the legal linguistic experts);
 - (c) decides to amend the legal basis of the Proposal for the Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Cape Verde to read "Article 43 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and (7) thereof" and to forward this draft Decision on the conclusion (as set out in doc. 15848/14 PECHE 552) as well as the text of the Protocol (as set out in doc. 15849/14 PECHE 553 (as finalised by the legal linguistic experts) to the European Parliament for its consent, after signing of the Protocol by the parties;
 - (d) enters the statement(s) in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the session.

¹ Cf. doc. 15900/14 PECHE 557.

² Cf. doc. 15898/14 PECHE 556.