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From:	Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision concerning the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the amended Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean - <i>Adoption</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal on 23 September 2014 to the Council, following the successful conclusion of the negotiations and the endorsement of the text of the amended GFCM Agreement at the GFCM annual meeting of 19 to 24 April 2014.
2. The Working Party on External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 2nd October and 11 December 2014.
3. The FAO Council, at its 150th meeting on 1 to 5 December 2014, endorsed the amended GFCM Agreement as being consistent with the objectives and purposes of the FAO (see attachments).

4. The amended Agreement being a mixed Agreement, the EU Member States that are members of the GFCM will pursue in parallel national ratification procedures regarding the amended GFCM Agreement. The instruments of ratification of the Union and those of the Member States should be deposited together.
5. As regards the European Union, on 2 February 2015, the Council requested the European Parliament for its consent to conclude the amended GFCM Agreement. The European Parliament gave its consent on 11 March 2015.
6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that Council adopts the Decision (as set out in doc. 15458/14 PECHE 528) on the acceptance, on behalf of the European Union, of the amended Agreement for the establishment of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (doc. 14993/1/14 REV 1 PECHE 514).
