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## REPORT

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From:	Presidency
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
No. Cion doc.:	11841/14 PECHE 356 CODEC 1622 - COM(2014) 457 final
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement Area <i>- Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement</i>

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1. The Commission submitted the above proposal on 11 July 2014. Its purpose is to incorporate into Union law obligations resulting from conservation and control measures adopted by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean between 2011 and 2014.
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policies discussed the proposal on 18 July, 11 and 17 September, 2 and 16 October, 26 November, 11 December 2014 and 8 January 2015, taking into consideration also Member States' written comments.<sup>1</sup>
3. The European Parliament adopted its first reading position on 13 January 2015, confirming the amendments voted previously by the Committee on Fisheries.

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<sup>1</sup> Docs. 12682/14 PECHE 392 CODEC 1743 + ADD1 to ADD 8 and 14123/4/14 PECHE 458 CODEC 1993 REV 4.

4. Based on a mandate that Coreper provided to the Presidency on 21 January 2015,<sup>2</sup> the institutions held a first trilogue on 2 March 2015. The Parliament's and Council's positions resulted as being very close, facilitated by the Commission. The main difference concerned the procedure preferred for adopting derogations to some of the conservation measures.
5. A revision of the mandate was discussed in the Working Party on 11 March 2015 and adopted in Coreper on 18 March 2015.<sup>3</sup> The following trilogue meeting on 26 March 2015 concluded the political discussion among institutions, while a final technical meeting organised on 17 April 2015 was dedicated to finalising subordinate parts of the text. The Parliament announced a statement with regard to the procedure for managing derogations to a coastal trawling ban in the Black Sea, and the Commission announced statements concerning the management of red coral harvesting.
6. Based on the foregoing, and with a view to preparing the Council's position at first reading based on the agreement in trilogue, Coreper is invited
  - to confirm the final compromise text, subject to a final review by lawyer-linguists, as contained in doc. 8181/15 PECHE 142 CODEC 565, and
  - to take note of the statements contained in the addendum to that document.

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<sup>2</sup> Doc. 5141/15 PECHE 12 CODEC 25 + COR 1.

<sup>3</sup> Doc. 5141/2/15 PECHE 12 CODEC 25 REV 2.