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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement and protocol with the United Republic of Tanzania - <i>Adoption of the Council Decision</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above recommendation to the Council on 18 May 2015.
2. The ex-ante evaluation of a possible future Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the United Republic of Tanzania was received on 19 December 2014¹.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation during its meeting on 20 May 2015 and reached an agreement on the text on the basis of a draft Council Decision including negotiating directives². In addition, the Working Party agreed in the meeting to add a point requesting the inclusion of an exclusivity clause and a revision clause.

¹ Cf. doc. 17100/14 PECHE 604 + ADD 1 & 2.

² Cf. DS 1314/15.

4. UK entered a general scrutiny reserve. FR and NL entered a parliamentary scrutiny reserve.
 5. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
 - adopts the Decision on opening negotiations and adopts the negotiating directives as set out in doc. 9152/15 PECHE 180;
 - decides not to publish the Decision in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure;
 - notes that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and therefore a paper copy of the Decision including the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the Parliament;
 - enters the statements in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
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