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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 1343/2011 on certain provisions for fishing in the GFCM (General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean) Agreement area **(first reading)**
- Adoption
a) of the Council's position at first reading
b) of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 11 July 2014 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 15 October 2014².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 13 January 2015³.

¹ 11841/14.

² OJ C 12, 15.01.2015, p. 116.

³ 5220/15.

4. At its 3390rd meeting on 19 May 2015, the General Affairs Council reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Regulation.
5. In accordance with the letter of 11 May 2015 sent by the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendment.
6. As regards Member States granting derogations from the prohibition to use certain gear in the coastal waters of the Black Sea, the European Parliament issued a statement in which it considered such a procedure as not setting a precedent, but being exceptionally justified by the particular circumstances.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 8806/15 and the statement of reasons as set out in 8806/15 ADD 1 as an "A" item on the agenda for a forthcoming meeting with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining;
 - order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
