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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	14959/14 PECHE 508 - COM(2014) 683 final
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Madagascar and the European Community - Adoption

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1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 31 October 2014.
2. Following an examination of the Protocol at the level of the Working Party for Fisheries Policy, the Council decided on 15 December 2014 to sign and provisionally apply the Protocol.
3. On that same day, the Council also decided to request the consent of the Parliament to conclude the Protocol<sup>1</sup> following its decision to amend the legal basis of the proposed Decision on conclusion to refer to Article 43 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and (7) of TFEU.
4. The Protocol was signed on 23 December 2014 and applies provisionally from 1 January 2015 pursuant to Article 15 thereof.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. doc. 16176/14 PECHE 565 + ADD 1 REV 1

5. The European Parliament gave its consent on 9 September 2015.
  6. Consequently, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council:
    - adopts the draft Decision as set out in doc. 15225/14 PECHE 520 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and
    - enters in the minutes of the Council adopting the Decision the statement by the Commission in the addendum to this note.
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