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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Guinea Bissau - Adoption

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 5 June 2012.
2. Following an examination of the Protocol at the level of the Working Party for Fisheries Policy, the Council decided on 16 October 2014 to sign and provisionally apply the Protocol¹.
3. On that same day, the Council also decided to request the consent of the Parliament to conclude the Protocol² 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 24 November 2014 and applies provisionally from that date.

¹ The adoption of the file had been "on hold" for two years due to the political situation in the country.

² Cf. doc. 13392/2/14 REV 2 PECHE 431 + ADD 1

5. The European Parliament gave its consent on 9 September 2015.
 6. The Danish and Netherlands delegations have stated their intention to vote against the conclusion.
 7. Consequently, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council:
 - adopts the draft Decision as set out in doc. 11667/12 PECHE 237 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts); and
 - enters in the minutes of the Council adopting the Decision the statements in the addendum to this note.
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