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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008 - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

On 11 December 2015, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets, repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008.

The proposal is based on Article 43(2) TFEU, which provides for the European Parliament and for the Council to act in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and after consulting the Economic and Social Committee. Thus, the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions is not required by the Treaty.

In its proposal, the Commission has proposed to consult the Committee of the Regions. Indeed, the proposal's subject is the management of external fishing fleets, who have strong ties to a number of EU regions, for instance through the ports of Vigo, Las Palmas and Huelva, Concarneau, Sète, La Réunion and Aveiro. Therefore the Presidency considers appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis¹. The procedure is in accordance with Articles 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to request the Committee of the Regions to deliver its opinion on the Commission proposal set out in docs. 15262/15 PECHE 481 CODEC 1773 + ADD 1 + COR 1 and docs. 15262/1/15 REV 1 PECHE 481 CODEC 1773 + COR 1 (EN, LT versions) by its April Plenary meeting.

¹ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance of the proposal.