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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Presentation by the Commission</i>- <i>Exchange of views</i>

1. 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 envisages on overhaul of the regime of authorisations for Union fishing vessels to fish outside Union waters, and for third country fishing vessels to operate in Union waters.

2. In addition to clarifying and simplifying the rules, and making them more consistent with key legislation adopted in the meantime, the proposal intends to broaden the scope to issues such as direct third country licences and chartering, and to improve monitoring and transparency. It also addresses "reflagging" as a result of the CFP reform.¹
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy discussed the related impact assessment and started the examination of the proposal on 15, 21 and 28 January 2016. The DK and UK delegations entered parliamentary scrutiny reserves. Several delegations maintain scrutiny reserves.
4. Delegations generally welcomed the proposal and agreed with its objectives. However, initial concerns raised relate to:
 - an insufficient consideration of the administrative workload,
 - the complexity of the authorisation procedures which seem to contrast with the aim of simplification, and
 - the desire of clearer subordination of the rules to specific arrangements emanating from Regional Fisheries Management Organisations and from Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements.
5. COREPER/ Council is invited to take note of the presentation by the Commission and to give its views on this subject matter.

¹ Article 31(9) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.