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**PECHE 12**

**"I" ITEM NOTE**

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**From:** Presidency  
**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)  
**Subject:** Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 827/2004 prohibiting imports of Atlantic bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*) originating in Bolivia, Cambodia, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia and Sierra Leone and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1036/2001(doc. 8408/13 COMER 79 WTO 90 PECHE 144 CODEC 806 - COM(2013) 185 final)  
*- approval of the final compromise text*

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The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 8 April 2013 in order to repeal Regulations (EC) No 827/2004 and 1036/2001 as a follow-up to the fact that within the International Convention for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) it had been decided to repeal the recommendations which had given rise to the prohibitions of imports of Atlantic bigeye tuna from the concerned countries.

The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined of the proposal on 26 April 2013. Delegations accepted the proposal without any amendments thereto<sup>1</sup>.

At its session in December 2013, the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries voted on the proposal including two minor amendments to recitals 7 and 8.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. doc- 9064/13 PECHE 188.

On the 16 January 2014, the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the position of the Fisheries Committee as set out in doc. 5083/14 PECHE 2 COMER 4 WTO 3 CODEC 17. All delegations, including the Commission, could support the amendments proposed by the Fisheries Committee.

Hence, the Presidency requests COREPER to grant it permission to send a letter to the European Parliament setting out the position that should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 3, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in the exact same form as set out in doc. 5083/14, the Council would in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4, of that Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position, subject, if necessary, to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions.

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