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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the establishment of a Union framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the Common Fisheries Policy (recast) (**First reading**)
- State of play

1. The Commission submitted its proposal on 19 June 2015.
2. DK, FR and UK entered Parliamentary scrutiny reservations.
3. Between July 2015 and March 2016, the Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy thoroughly examined the proposal and a Presidency compromise¹ was prepared taking into account the comments made in the Working Party and the delegations' written comments².

¹ doc. 5417/3/16 REV 3

² docs. 11089/15 PECHE 264 CODEC 1063 + ADD1-23; doc. 14598/15 PECHE 448 + COR1+ADD1-12

4. This final Presidency compromise (cf. doc. 5417/3/16 REV 3) aims to bring data collection provisions in line with the requirements of the reformed Common Fishery Policy. These requirements include, among others, management by maximum sustainable yield and the move towards regionalisation. Another underlying principle of the compromise is the need to achieve simplification by collecting only what is needed and avoiding duplication of data collection efforts. In addition, the proposed compromise aims to achieve the right balance between the need to ensure transparency and data protection.
5. Following discussions at technical level³ on 23 March 2016, the Permanent Representatives Committee unanimously supported the compromise as included in doc. 5417/3/16 REV3. On this occasion some delegations highlighted some other issues such as: the need to ensure a balance between transparency and data protection aspects, the need to have a cost-effective data collection framework and avoid additional administrative burden, and for the upcoming multiannual programme to have a balanced approach on aquaculture establishments.
6. Therefore, the Council is invited to take note of the consensus reached on the compromise text. This text will form the basis of the mandate for the negotiations with the EP, to be adopted when the EP position will be established⁴.

³ doc. 7138/16 PECHE 88 CODEC 310.

⁴ The EP plans to adopt its position in the Fisheries Committee on 19 April 2016.