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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and the Council on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1343/2011 and (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005
- Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 11 March 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a Regulation on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems through technical measures, amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006, (EC) No 1098/2007, (EC) No 1224/2009 and Regulations (EU) No 1343/2011 and (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Council Regulations (EC) No 894/97, (EC) No 850/98, (EC) No 2549/2000, (EC) No 254/2002, (EC) No 812/2004 and (EC) No 2187/2005.
2. 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.

3. However, in its Proposal, the Commission has suggested to consult the Committee of the Regions. The Proposal allows for decision-making at the level of sea-basins through regionalisation and in consultation with regional advisory councils. Therefore, the Presidency considers it appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis¹.
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to decide to consult the Committee of the Regions on an optional basis on the Commission Proposal, as set out in doc. 6993/16 PECHE 79 CODEC 281 IA 9 + ADD1-3. The Committee should be requested to deliver its opinion as soon as possible.

¹ Cf. Articles 307 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.