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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters
- Approval of the Commission proposal text

1. On 4 September 2019, the Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal¹ containing contingency measures in case no withdrawal plan with the United Kingdom is in place.
2. This proposal intends to create for 2020 the appropriate legal framework for continued reciprocal fishing access by Union and UK vessels to each other's waters, in absence of a fisheries agreement concluded with the UK as a third country and provided that the management of the relevant stocks remains sustainable and in accordance with the conditions set out in the common fisheries policy and in the Council Regulations establishing fishing opportunities.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 12 and 20 September 2019, where the Presidency concluded that there was broad support to accept the Commission's proposal without any amendments with a view to facilitating the swift adoption of the draft Regulation.

¹ doc. 11943/19 PECHE 375 PREP-BXT 148 CODEC 1360

The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:

- confirm that should the European Parliament approve the Commission's proposal without any amendments, the Council would approve the European Parliament's position, resulting in the adoption of the Regulation in the form of the Commission's proposal (subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions); and
 - authorise the Presidency to inform the European Parliament thereof.
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