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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 as regards fishing authorisations for Union fishing vessels in United Kingdom waters and fishing operations of United Kingdom fishing vessels in Union waters (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 5 September 2019 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 September 2019².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 22 October 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ 11943/19.

² Not yet published in the Official Journal.

³ 13243/19.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 94/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom abstaining.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.
