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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee

Subject: List of commitments proposed for presentation by the EU at the 'Our Ocean Conference' (Palau, 7-8 December 2020)
= Approval
= Decision to use the written procedure

1. During an informal videoconference of its members on 14 September 2020, the Friends of the Presidency Group - Integrated Maritime Policy examined a list of commitments proposed for presentation by the European Union at the 'Our Ocean Conference' (Palau, 7-8 December 2020). Following this examination, the group reached an agreement on the text by means of written consultation on 5 October 2020.
2. During the written consultation it was recalled that the commitments are without prejudice to the division of competence between the EU and the Member States.

3. Document 11393/20 contains the text as resulting from the written consultation. In paragraph 31, an editorial clarification has been added so as for the first sentence to read: "The European Union announces **the development of** a new tool named "Coordinated Maritime Presence" (CMP) aimed at promoting international cooperation on maritime security." (addition marked in bold).
4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:
- to confirm its approval of the list of commitments proposed for presentation by the European Union at the 'Our Ocean Conference' (Palau, 7-8 December 2020) as set out in document 11393/20, and
 - to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, that the Council uses the written procedure for the approval.

Due to the urgency of the matter, the written procedure would be launched immediately after the Committee's agreement, with the deadline for replying set at Thursday 15 October 2020 16:00 CET (Brussels time).
