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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 establishing the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1004 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 13 June 2018 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Articles 42, 43(2), 91(1), 100(2), 173(3), 175, 188, 192(2), 194(2), 195(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 October 2018².
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 12 December 2018³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 4 April 2019⁴.

¹ 9627/18

² OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 125–146

³ OJ C 110, 22.3.2019, p. 104–111

⁴ 8052/19

5. On 22 February 2021 the European Parliament's Committee Fisheries (PECH) confirmed the provisional agreement and its chair sent a letter on 25 February 2021 to the chair of Coreper declaring that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic review) without amendments.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 3 March 2021 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt its position at first reading, as set out in document 6975/21 + REV 1 (lt), and the statement of reasons, as set out in document 6975/21 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Sweden voting against and Lithuania abstaining;
 - approve the Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission and the Joint Statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission as set out in Addendum 1 to this note.
8. The Joint Statement by the Council and the Commission and the Joint Statement by the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 1 to this note. The statements by Lithuania, Sweden and by the Commission for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 2.