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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing specific conditions for deep-sea stocks in the North-East Atlantic and provisions for fishing in international waters of the North-East Atlantic and repealing Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002 (first reading) Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 19 July 2012 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 13 February 2013².
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 10 December 2013³.
4. On 13 July 2016, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries sent a letter to the Chair of Coreper stating that the European Parliament was expected, at second reading, to approve the Council's position at first reading (following finalisation by legal/linguistic experts) without amendments.

¹ 12801/12.

² OJ C 133, 9.5.2013, p. 41.

³ 17452/13.

Subsequently, on 20 July 2016, the Permanent Representatives Committee approved a compromise text after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
- adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 11625/16 and the statement of reasons as set out in 11625/16 ADD 1 as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the Spanish delegation voting against;
 - order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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