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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the North Pacific Fisheries Commission

- Adoption

1. On 10 December 2021, the Commission presented the proposal (14940/21 + ADD 1), which aims to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf at meetings of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission, now that the EU has acceded to this organisation.
2. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 13 January 2022, and delegations were asked to submit written comments. DK entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation that has since been lifted. On 26 January, the Presidency circulated a draft Decision (5521/22) including amendments suggested by the Legal Service, including a change of legal basis from Article 43(2) TFEU to Article 43 TFEU as a whole. The Working Party reached agreement on this text on 27 January, as no further amendments were requested. Legal/linguistic experts have since finalised the text in all languages.

3. Consequently, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party, and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming meeting:
- adopt the Decision as set out in 5663/22;
 - take note of the statement in the addendum to this note.
4. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU. A copy of the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
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