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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) <i>- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the European Parliament and to the Council on 29 March 2017. This proposal aims at implementing into EU law SPRFMO conservation, control and enforcement measures adopted between 2013 and January 2017.
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal on 6 April and 4 May 2017 and reached, at its meeting on 18 May, an agreement on a Council position on the above-mentioned proposal as set out in doc. 8625/2/17 REV 2 PECHE 176 CODEC 678.
3. The Commission representative was supportive of the approach, but maintained that the rules in relation to sea birds should be compulsory.

4. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to endorse the Council position on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down management, conservation and control measures applicable in the Convention Area of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) as set out in doc. 8625/2/17 REV 2 PECHE 176 CODEC 678.
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