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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 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 - Presentation by the Commission - Exchange of views

1. Following its Communication on "A modern Budget for a Union that Protects, Empowers and Defends - The Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027"¹, the Commission has adopted on 12 June a proposal on a new European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) which is expected to be published the same day.
2. According to the MFF Communication, the EMFF will continue to constitute an important instrument to support the implementation of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy, notably, a sustainable EU fisheries sector and support to coastal communities dependent on fisheries activities. It will also continue to be a valuable tool in promoting the blue economy in fisheries and aquaculture thus supporting growth and the creation of jobs, while safeguarding the marine environment.

¹ Cfr. document 8353/18.

3. Before the technical examination of this legislative initiative by the preparatory bodies of the Council in the coming months, it seems appropriate that the Council holds a preliminary exchange views on the basis of a presentation of the proposal by the Commissioner at the "Agriculture and Fisheries" Council on 18 June 2018.
 4. COREPER/Council is therefore invited to take note of the presentation by the Commission and to give its views on this proposal.
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