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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2021 to 2027 - Optional consultation of the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions ¹

1. On 31 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council, based on Article 349 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), its proposal for a Council Regulation opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Union tariff quotas for imports of certain fishery products into the Canary Islands from 2021 to 2027². Although a consultation is not required by the Treaties, the Commission suggested that the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions should be also consulted.

¹ The purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of other Institutions/Bodies and does not affect the Council's deliberations on the substance of the proposal.

² Doc. 10369/20 + ADD 1.

2. On that basis, and in accordance with Article 304 and 307 (TFEU) and Article 19(7)(h) of the Rules of Procedure of the Council³, the Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to:
- launch a consultation of the Economic and Social Committee and of the Committee of the Regions on the above Proposal; and
 - invite the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions to give their opinion as soon as possible.
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³ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure , OJ L 325 , 11/12/2009, p. 35-61.