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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing specific conditions for fishing 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 - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

1. The European Commission submitted to the Council and to the European Parliament on 19 July 2012 the proposal in subject. The aim of the proposal was to update the existing Regulation establishing the specific conditions for fishing deep-sea stocks.[1]

2. Between January 2014 and November 2015, the Working Party on Internal and External Fishery Policy undertook a thorough reading of the proposal. A summary of specific comments made by delegations during this process is set out in docs. 5803/1/14 + REV 2 and REV 3, while more detailed comments are included in documents 6580/14 + ADD 1-6, 6374/15 + ADD 1-14 and 11188/15 + ADD 1-5.

3. During this time, the Working Party on Internal and External Fishery Policy also undertook a detailed examination of the European Parliament (EP) position, as voted in December 2013[2].

[1] Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002
[2] Cf. doc. 17452/2013.

4. On the basis of the results of the Working Party discussions, building on the EP amendments and taking into account the principles of the new CFP[3], the Presidency has prepared a compromise text as set out in the third column of doc. 5803/5/14, including the technical updates outlined in doc. 15306/15. This text was endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 11 November 2015, and on this basis the Presidency received a mandate to enter into negotiations with the European Parliament.

5. After the trilogues on 17 November 2015, 26 April, 25 May, 14 and 30 June, a provisional agreement was reached with the EP.

6. By letter dated 13 July 2016, the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries informed the President of Coreper I that, should the Council transmit formally to the European Parliament its position as agreed, subject to legal-linguistic verification, he will recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendments at Parliament's second reading.

7. In view of this, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the final compromise text, subject to a legal-linguistic review, as set out in doc. 11142/16 PECHE 275 CODEC 1050.

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[3] Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013