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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on certain provisions for fishing in the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) Agreement area (recast) **(first reading)**<br>- Adoption of the legislative act |

1. On 30 July 2021 the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 September 2021[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. On 12 July 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[3].

1 11136/21 + ADD1.
2 OJ C 517, 22.12.2021, p. 122.
3 11623/23.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 24/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum to this note.

7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.