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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL defining characteristics for fishing vessels (recast) <i>- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament</i>

1. The European Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 23 May 2016. The proposal aims at codifying Council Regulation (EC) No. 2930/86 defining characteristics for fishing vessels while fully preserving the content of the acts being modified (recast), as well as to substantively modify the said Regulation in order to delegate powers to the Commission to adapt requirements for the determination of engine power to technical progress (future ISO standards).
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its sessions on 7 July, 2 September and 6 October 2016. At the latter meeting, the Working Party reached an agreement on a Presidency revised compromise set out in doc. 11503/1/16 REV 1. This compromise seeks to clarify the scope of the delegation and to align the text of the proposal to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-making.

3. The Commission representative acknowledged the need to align the text of the proposal to the said Interinstitutional Agreement.
 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to endorse the Council position on the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council defining characteristics for fishing vessels (recast) as set out in doc. 11503/1/16 REV 1.
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