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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down conservation and management measures for the Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna

- *Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement*

1. On 28 July 2021, the Commission presented the above-mentioned proposal¹ the purpose of which is to implement into EU law the relevant control, conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT).
2. The members of the Working Party on Fisheries Policy took note of the Commission's presentation on 2 September 2021. No delegation submitted written comments. The Presidency presented a compromise proposal² to the Working Party on Fisheries Policy which approved it on 2 June 2022.
3. On 8 June 2022, the Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed its agreement on a mandate³ with a view to starting negotiations with the European Parliament.
4. Following the technical meeting held on 6 September 2022 with the European Parliament, the Presidency put forward a draft revised mandate⁴. The members of the Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the draft revised mandate during an informal video-conference

¹ doc. 11109/21

² doc. 9488/22

³ doc. 9488/22

⁴ doc. 12506/22

meeting on 20 October, and expressed support for the Presidency's approach in a written consultation on 21 October 2021.

5. At a technical meeting with the European Parliament held on 24 October 2022, the Presidency was able to agree on the final compromise text with the Parliament, in line with the revised mandate.
6. On 27 October 2022, the Presidency presented the final compromise⁵ to the Working Party on Fisheries Policy which expressed support for the text.
7. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - approve the final compromise text as set out in document ST 13929/22;
 - authorise the Presidency to send a letter to the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries confirming that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 3, of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in the form set out in the final compromise text (subject to revision by the legal linguists) annexed to that letter, the Council would, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4, of that Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position;
 - take note of the statement set out in the addendum to this note.

⁵ doc. 13929/22