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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and with the Kingdom of Norway for a fisheries agreement - Adoption

1. The European Commission submitted the above recommendation to the Council on 7 October 2020. It aims at concluding a framework fisheries agreement for the stocks that are trilaterally shared in waters of the EU, the United Kingdom and Norway.
2. The Working Party on the United Kingdom decided at its meeting on 2 October 2020 that this recommendation should be dealt with by the Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy.
3. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation at its meeting on 8 October 2020 and at the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on 6 and 19 November and confirmed on 24 November 2020 by an informal silence procedure its agreement on the revised text<sup>1</sup> of the draft Council Decision.
4. DK and NL entered parliamentary scrutiny reservations.

<sup>1</sup> cf. doc. 12128/2/20 REV 2.

5. Consequently, COREPER is invited to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
- adopts the Decision authorising the opening of negotiations as set out in document 13291/20 PECHE 386 UK 81 N 60 (as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts), and agrees on the negotiating directives as set out in its Addendum;
  - decides not to publish the Decision in the Official Journal in accordance with Article 17(2)(b) of its Rules of Procedure; and
  - enters the statement(s) in the Addendum to this note in the minutes of the Council.
6. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the EP.
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