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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe - <i>adoption</i>

The European Commission submitted on 1 April 2014 the above proposal to the Council. The proposal is the follow-up to the negotiations for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with São Tomé and Príncipe. The previous Protocol expired on 12 May 2014.

The Council decided on 19 May 2014 to sign the new Protocol¹ which applies provisionally since its signature on 23 May 2014 pursuant to its Article 14².

Following the Council's request of 2 June 2014, the European Parliament gave its consent to conclude the Protocol on 13 January 2015.

¹ cf. OJ L 168 of 7.6.2014, p. 1.

² cf. OJ L 226 of 30.7.2014, p. 1.

Consequently, COREPER is invited to suggest that Council, at a forthcoming session:

(a) decides by unanimity to amend the legal basis of the proposal for the Decision on the conclusion of the new Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe to read "Article 43 in conjunction with Article 218(6)(a) and (7) thereof", and to adopt this draft Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (as set out in doc. 8585/14 PECHÉ 186)³.

(b) enters the statement(s) in the addendum to this note in the minutes of the session.

³ The text of the Protocol was published in OJ L 168 of 7.6.2014, p. 3.