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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2018/120 as regards certain fishing opportunities - Decision to use the written procedure for the adoption

1. On 8 March 2018, the Commission submitted its proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EU) No 2018/120 as regards certain fishing opportunities¹ (doc. 6756/18 PECHE 66 + ADD 1), including the updates outlined in doc. 6967/18 PECHE 79.
2. The Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy examined the proposal at its meeting on 8 March 2018 and confirmed on 13 March 2018 by an informal silence procedure its agreement on the text.
3. UK entered a Parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

¹ Council Regulation (EU) 2018/120 of 23 January 2018 fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127 (OJ L 27, 31.1.2018, p. 1).

4. The Commission undertook to correct some potential factual errors signalled by the delegations, where needed. These points have been addressed in the consolidated version finalised by the legal-linguistic experts in document 7078/18 PECHÉ 87.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - confirm the agreement reached in the Working Party and set out in document 7078/18 PECHÉ 87; and to
 - decide the use of the written procedure for its formal adoption by the Council, given the urgency of a timely publication of this Regulation in view of the specific conditions for the use of the quotas for some stocks.
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