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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 as regards certain rules relating to the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 23 January 2019 the Commission sent the above proposal[1], based on Article 42 and 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 20 February 2019[2].

3. On 13 March 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[3].

1 5668/19.
2 Not yet published in OJ.
3 7141/19.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:

   – approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 35/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom abstaining;

   – order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

   If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.