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Subject:	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multiannual management plan for bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, amending Regulations (EC) No 1936/2001, (EU) 2017/2107, and (EU) 2019/833 and repealing Regulation (EU) 2016/1627 - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

I. Introduction

1. On 29 November 2019, the Commission submitted to the European Parliament and to the Council the above-mentioned proposal¹, aiming at implementing into EU law the ICCAT multiannual management plan for Bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, adopted in 2018².
2. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the proposal and the set of amendments tabled by the European Parliament on several occasions.

¹ doc. 14710/19 + ADD1 PECHE 531 CODEC 1717.

² In November 2019, ICCAT adopted Recommendation 19-04 amending Recommendation 18-02.

3. With a revised mandate for negotiations³ agreed by the Permanent Representatives Committee on 4 November 2020, the Presidency reached a provisional agreement with the European Parliament at a political trilogue on 10 November 2020.
4. On 25 November 2020, the final compromise text⁴ reflecting the outcome of that trilogue was presented to the Permanent Representatives Committee. The Permanent Representatives Committee did not agree to this final compromise text.
5. The European Parliament adopted its first reading position on 28 April 2021⁵. The text adopted at first reading is the same text as the final compromise of the political trilogue⁶.
6. On 16 June 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed to the revised mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament as set out in document 9167/21 PECHE 166 CODEC 773 with a view to an early second reading agreement with the European Parliament.
7. Informal meetings resumed during the Swedish Presidency in January and February 2023 involving experts from the Presidency, the European Parliament and the European Commission.
8. On 1 March 2023, the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries voted to continue the interinstitutional negotiations.
9. An interinstitutional technical meeting followed on 22 March 2023 at which the three institutions reached a preliminary agreement on the text to be proposed for final agreement.
10. On 30 March 2023, the Working Party on Fisheries Policy endorsed the revised Presidency compromise, as contained in ST 7820/23 + COR1. This Presidency compromise was based on the text agreed at technical level in the interinstitutional technical meeting on 22 March 2023.
11. The Presidency compromise in ST 7820/23 + COR1 was prepared on the basis of ST 8143/21 (Outcome of European Parliament first reading), which has undergone lawyer linguist revision at the European Parliament. The textual changes proposed on substance in the current

³ doc. 11652/20 PECHE 301 CODEC 972

⁴ doc. 12889/20 ADD1 PECHE 366 CODEC 1140.

⁵ doc. 8143/21 CODEC 585 PECHE 123 PE 32.

⁶ doc. 12889/20 ADD1 PECHE 366 CODEC 1140.

Presidency compromise⁷ as compared to the previous Council mandate⁸ are only in Art. 7 (old Art. 7), Art. 11.2 (old 10.2), Art. 12 (old Art. 11), Art. 47 (old Art. 46), Art 51.4 (old Art. 50.4) and Art. 51.9 (old Art. 50.9).

II. Conclusion

12. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the final compromise text as set out in ST 7820/23 + COR1 with a view to agreement in early second reading with the European Parliament.
13. The European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries (PECHE) is expected to vote on 26-27 April 2023, following which the PECHE Chair will transmit a letter to the Presidency confirming that, should the Council approve this text in first reading, after legal-linguistic revision, the Parliament would approve the Council's position in its second reading.

⁷ doc. 7820/23 + COR1

⁸ doc. 9167/21