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LIMITED

Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the renewal of the protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Mozambique

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The European Union and the Republic of Mozambique have signed a protocol to the Fisheries Agreement which is applicable from 1st February 2012. The protocol, which grants fishing opportunities for the EU vessels and fixes the financial counterpart, will expire on 31 January 2015.

The Commission proposes to negotiate a new protocol that meets the actual possibilities and needs of the Members States fleet and is in line with the 19 March 2012 Council Conclusions on a Communication from the Commission on the External dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy.

The Council is asked to adopt the negotiation guidelines attached to this recommendation.

2. RECOMMENDATION

In the light of the above, the Commission recommends that:

- The Council authorises the Commission to open and conduct negotiations for the renewal of the protocol in the framework of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Mozambique;
- The Commission is nominated as the Union negotiator for this subject;
- The Commission shall conduct such negotiations in consultation with the special committee pursuant to the provisions laid down in the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union;
- The Council approves the negotiation guidelines attached to this recommendation.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 218 paragraphs 3 and 4,

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission,

Whereas negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Mozambique.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Commission is hereby authorised to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, with a view to renewing the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Republic of Mozambique.

Article 2

These negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Council Working Party on External Fisheries Policy and in accordance with the negotiating directives set out in the Annex.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to the Commission

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President