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from : Social Questions Working Party
to : Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)/Council (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)

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Subject : **Proposal for a Council Decision authorising Member States to ratify, in the interests of the European Community, the Work in Fishing Convention, 2007, of the International Labour Organisation (Convention 188)**

Delegations will find attached a draft statement made by the Commission to be entered in the minutes of the Council's session (EPSCO) on 7/8 June 2010.

**DRAFT STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION
TO BE ENTERED IN COUNCIL'S MINUTES**

Re: Article 2 (Recommendation to ratify Convention 188)

It should be pointed out that Article 2 should be read as a recommendation which aims at promoting the application of the Convention throughout the Community. It is clear from the very letter of this provision that neither its purpose nor its effect is to impose an obligation on the Member States to which the act is addressed to ratify Convention 188. Nor is it its purpose or its effect to impose a time limit for ratification.
