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from: General Secretariat

to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

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Subject: Recommendation for a Council Decision to authorise the opening of negotiations on an agreement between the European Union and the Republic of the Seychelles on the renewal of the Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement
- Adoption of Council Decision

Delegations will find below a statement by the Commission to be included in the minutes of the Council.

Statement by the Commission

The Commission does not consider it necessary that a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations indicates a substantive legal basis.

However, the Commission is not opposed to it in this case given the particular circumstances in the sector.
