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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) / Council

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Subject: Recommendation for a Council decision to authorise the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Union of the Comores
- 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.