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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Council Decision to authorise the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
- Adoption

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.