

**PECHE 187**

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Subject:	Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to open negotiations on behalf of the European Union for a new Protocol to the Fisheries Partnership Agreement with Solomon Islands - 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.

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