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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council

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Subject: Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union at the Thirty-First Meeting of the Contracting Parties on the amendments to the Agreement for Co-operation in Dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances ('Bonn Agreement') with regard to the extension of the scope of application of the Agreement and with regard to the accession of the Kingdom of Spain to the Agreement  
- Adoption

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1. On 30 August 2019 the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations on behalf of the European Union at the Thirty-First Meeting of the Contracting Parties on the amendments to the Agreement for Co-operation in Dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and Other Harmful Substances ('Bonn Agreement') with regard to the accession of the Kingdom of Spain to the Agreement and with regard to the extension of the scope of application of the Agreement<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 11815/19 + ADD 1.

2. Following a discussion at the meeting of JHA Counsellors (PROCIV) on 6 September 2019, on 12 September 2019 the Civil Protection Working Party reached agreement on the draft Council Decision.
3. The Commission has announced its intention to make the statement as set out in ADD 1 to this document, which will be entered in the minutes of the Council meeting adopting the Council Decision.
4. In light of the above, COREPER is advised to invite the Council to:
  - adopt the above-mentioned Council Decision, as set out in document 12187/19 + ADD 1<sup>2</sup>;
  - note that the European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU, and that the Council Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.

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<sup>2</sup> In view of their nature, the Council Decision will not be published in the Official Journal of the European Union (cf. Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure).