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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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#### Statement by the Commission

The Commission maintains its views that it is not necessary for a Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations to indicate a substantive legal basis. Article 218(3) and (4) TFEU provide a sufficient legal basis for the Decision.