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LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025-2029)

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/...

of ...

**on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application
of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement
between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
and the European Community (2025-2029)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43,
in conjunction with Article 218(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2008, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 242/2008 on the conclusion of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community¹ (the 'Agreement'). The Agreement entered into force on 18 April 2008.
- (2) The previous Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement expired on 31 July 2024.
- (3) On 4 March 2024, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire ('Côte d'Ivoire') for a new Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement. The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling, on 21 November 2024, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025-2029) (the 'Protocol').
- (4) The aim of the Protocol is to allow Union vessels to fish in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and to enable the Union and Côte d'Ivoire to work together more closely to develop a sustainable fisheries policy, so as to promote the responsible exploitation of fishery resources in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and in the Atlantic Ocean, and to help achieve decent working conditions in the fisheries sector.

¹ OL L 75, 18.3.2008, p. 51, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2008/242/oj>.

- (5) The Protocol should therefore be signed.
- (6) In view of the economic importance of Union fishing activity in Côte d'Ivoire's fishing zone and the need to minimise the duration of any interruption of that activity, the Protocol should be applied provisionally.
- (7) The European Data Protection Supervisor was consulted in accordance with Article 42(1) of Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council² and delivered an opinion on 22 April 2025,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

² Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2018/1725/oj>).

Article 1

The signing, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and the European Community (2025-2029) is hereby authorised, subject to the conclusion of the said Protocol.

Article 2

The Protocol shall be applied provisionally, in accordance with Article 20 thereof, from the day of its signing, pending its entry into force.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council

The President
