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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Recommendation for a COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of the negotiations on behalf of the European Union for the conclusion of an Implementing Protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Seychelles - Adoption

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1. The Commission submitted the abovementioned recommendation to the Council on 4 June 2025<sup>1</sup>.
2. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation on 12 June. An agreement on a Presidency compromise<sup>2</sup> was reached on 16 June by written consultation. The Presidency compromise includes changes aimed at aligning the text with recent practices in similar cases, including the use of article 43 TFEU as a substantive legal basis.
3. Legal-linguistic experts have meanwhile finalised the text in all languages.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 9804/25 + ADD 1-3.

<sup>2</sup> Doc. 10293/25.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is called on to confirm the agreement reached at the level of the Working Party, and to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:
- adopts the Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations, as set out in document 9863/25, as well as the negotiating directives set out in its addendum;
  - decides not to publish the decision in the Official Journal, in accordance with article 17(2)(b) of its rules of procedure;
  - enters in its minutes the statement in the addendum to this note.
5. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with article 218(10) TFEU. The decision and negotiating directives will be sent to the EP.
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