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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering France to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles
- Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

Delegations will find attached the mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament on the abovementioned proposal, as agreed by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting on 27 May 2026.

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Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

empowering France to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(2) and 192(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

- (1) By letter dated 4 February 2025, France requested the Commission to be empowered to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles in order to strengthen its cooperation with the countries bordering its territories on the American continent, ~~:- Guadeloupe, French Guiana, Martinique, Saint Barthélemy, Saint Martin, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon~~ in the area of protection of marine turtle species occurring in seas adjacent to the American continents and the Caribbean.

- (2) ~~The~~ **Certain** matters covered by the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles fall within the Union's exclusive competence. Therefore, Member States may accede to this Convention only if empowered by the Union in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (3) The Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles is in line with the Union's ~~policy to protect~~ **policies in the fields of the protection of** marine biological resources ~~in Union waters, in this case~~ **and the environment**, in particular, ~~to undertake as regards~~ **measures to protect for the protection and conservation of** sea turtles ~~and it~~. **Since that Convention** is open for accession to States in the Americas, ~~Therefore~~, it is appropriate that the European Union empowers France to accede to ~~this Convention~~ **it**.
- (3a) **This Decision does not cover the waters of the French overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.**
- (3b) **This Decision should not be interpreted as constituting an exercise by the Union of its external competence in areas covered by the Convention falling within shared competence. In the area of shared competences, France retains its competence insofar as the Convention does not affect common rules or alter their scope, including their foreseeable development.**
- (4) France should report to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the accession to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and cooperate with the Commission on positions related to decisions, recommendations and measures taken under this Convention. France should also regularly inform the Commission on the adoption of such decisions or measures.

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

France is hereby empowered to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles.

Article 2

France ~~will~~ **shall** inform the European Parliament and the Council on the accession to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and consult the Commission on positions related to decisions, measures and recommendations taken under the Convention, and regularly inform the Commission on adoption of decisions, measures and recommendations.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to France.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament

The President

For the Council

The President
