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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
On:	9 October 2026
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations for a sustainable fisheries partnership agreement and its implementing protocol between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar - Adoption

1. The Commission submitted the abovementioned recommendation to the Council on 10 September 2026¹.
2. The Working Party on Fisheries Policy examined the recommendation on 17 September, 24 September and 1 October, reaching an agreement on a revised text² with the change of substantive legal basis to article 43 TFEU, as suggested by the Council Legal Service and adding an additional negotiating directive, which was drafted based on written comments received from delegations.
3. Legal-linguistic experts will have finalised the text in all languages by 13 October.
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:

¹ Doc. 13009/26 + ADD 1-3.

² Doc. 13315/26 REV1.

- adopt the decision, as set out in document 13962/26, as well as the negotiating directives set out in its addendum;
- decide not to publish the decision in the Official Journal, in accordance with article 17(2)(b) of the Council's rules of procedure;

5. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with article 218(10) TFEU.
