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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft 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 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 17 November 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 43 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 January 2026².
3. On 7 October 2026, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 5263/26.

² OJ C, C/2026/1967, 28.4.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/1967/oj>.

³ 13978/26.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 56/26, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
5. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
