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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Protocol (2025–2029) on the implementation of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community - Adoption

1. The Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council on 9 July 2025[1], with the aim of approving the Protocol on behalf of the European Union.

2. On 30 September, the Council adopted a decision on the signing and provisional application of the Protocol. It agreed to sent to the European Parliament, for its consent, the draft decision on the conclusion of the Protocol (doc. 11609/25), as finalised by the lawyer-linguists.

3. The European Parliament gave its consent on 20 May 2026.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is consequently asked to propose that the Council, at one of its forthcoming meetings:
   - adopt the Council Decision on the conclusion of the Protocol, as set out in doc. 11609/25;
   - take note of the statement contained in the addendum to this note.

[1] Doc. 11271/2/25 REV 1 + ADD 1.

5. The Council Decision will be sent to the European Parliament, which will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.