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#### **'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
No. Cion doc.:	9254/23 - COM(2023) 236 final
Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Commission established by the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic as regards amendments to OSPAR Decision 2021/01 on the establishment of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area and OSPAR Recommendation 2021/01 on the Management of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area - Adoption

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1. On 10 May 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic on amendments to the Decision on delineation and the Recommendation on the management of the North Atlantic Current and Evlanov Sea basin Marine Protected Area (NACES MPA)<sup>1</sup>. A Council decision is necessary because the OSPAR Commission is to adopt this envisaged Decision on delineation and this envisaged Recommendation on management during its 26th regular meeting on 26 June 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> 9254/23.

2. On 16 May, the Working Party on International Environment Issues (WPIEI) (UNECE and other regional issues) discussed the proposal during an informal video conference. On 30 May, the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) examined the Presidency compromise text as set out in document 9644/23.
3. The revised Presidency compromise text resulting from these discussions and comments received (doc. 9644/1/23 REV 1) was circulated to delegations for agreement under a written consultation ending on 2 June.
4. The result of the written consultation shows that the revised Presidency compromise text, as set out in document 9976/23 following the legal-linguistic revision, is acceptable.
5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to recommend that the Council:
  - adopts the Decision as set out in document 9976/23 as an "A" item at its meeting on 20 June 2023;
  - informs the European Parliament on its Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU.

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