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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Council

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations for protocols between the Union and Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein supplementing their respective agreements and protocol concerning the criteria and mechanisms for establishing the State responsible for examining a request for asylum lodged in those countries, to include rules to enable their participation in Parts II and IV of Regulation (EU) 2024/1351 of the European Parliament and of the Council and in Chapters II and III of Regulation (EU) 2024/1359 of the European Parliament and of the Council  
- Adoption

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1. On 30 March 2026, the Commission presented to the Council a recommendation for the abovementioned Council decision, accompanied by draft negotiating directives<sup>1</sup>.
2. The draft Council Decision and the negotiating directives were examined at the JHA Counsellors (Asylum) meeting on 21 April 2026. Based on comments from delegations, the Presidency prepared revised versions of the texts which were then confirmed through an informal silence procedure that expired on 22 May 2026.
3. Following legal-linguistic revision, the text of the draft Council Decision is set out in document 9662/26.

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<sup>1</sup> 7697/26 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED + ADD 1 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED

4. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Council Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
5. On 17 June 2026, the Permanent Representatives Committee approved the abovementioned the Council Decision and the negotiating directives.
6. In view of the above, the Council is invited to:
  - adopt the Council Decision set out in 9662/26 as revised by the legal-linguistic experts, and the negotiating directives set out in 9662/26 ADD 1 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED + 9662/26 ADD 1 COR 1 RESTREINT UE/EU RESTRICTED; and
  - request the publication of the text of the decision in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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