

Brussels, 15 July 2026
(OR. en)

11887/26

Interinstitutional File:
2025/0349 (COD)

ENV 946
CLIMA 395
PECHE 298
CODEC 1450

OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Proposal for a 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 - Letter to the Chairs of the European Parliament Committees for Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) and for Fisheries (PECH)

Following the Permanent Representatives Committee meeting of 15 July 2026 which endorsed the final compromise text with a view to agreement, delegations are informed that the Presidency sent the attached letter, together with its Annex, to the Chairs of the European Parliament Committees for Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) and for Fisheries (PECH).

SGS 26/02664



Brussels, 15 July 2026

Mr Pierfrancesco MARAN

Chair, European Parliament Committee for Environment, Climate and Food Safety

Ms Carmen CRESPO DÍAZ

Chair, European Parliament Committee for Fisheries

European Parliament
60, rue Wiertz
1047 BRUSSELS

Subject: *Proposal for a 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 (2025/0349 (COD))*

Dear Mr Maran, dear Ms Crespo Diaz,

Following the informal meeting between the representatives of the three institutions held on 29 June 2026, a draft overall compromise text was agreed today by the Permanent Representatives' Committee.

I am therefore now in a position to confirm that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294 paragraph 3 of the Treaty, in the form set out in the compromise text contained in the Annex to this letter (subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

On behalf of the Council, I also wish to thank you for your close cooperation which should enable us to reach agreement on this dossier at first reading.

Yours sincerely,

Cáit MORAN
Chair of the Permanent Representatives
Committee (Part 1)

copy to: Jessika Roswall, Commissioner
 Costas Kadis, Commissioner
 Mélissa Camara, EP Rapporteur

Proposal for a

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

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure,

Whereas:

- (1) *On* 4 February 2025, France requested *an empowerment from the Union* to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles in order to strengthen its cooperation with the countries bordering its territories on the American continent ■ , ■ in the area of protection of marine turtle species occurring in seas adjacent to the American continents and the Caribbean.

- (2) ***Certain*** matters covered by the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles fall within the Union's exclusive competence. Therefore, Member States may accede to this Convention only if empowered by the Union in accordance with Article 2(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union ***for matters falling under the Union's exclusive competence. This Decision does not constitute an exercise of external competence by the Union as regards matters of the Convention that do not relate to an exclusive competence.***
- (3) The Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles is in line with the Union's ***policies in the fields of the protection of*** marine biological resources ***and the environment***, in particular ***as regards*** measures ***for the protection and conservation of*** sea turtles. ***Since that Convention*** is open for accession to States in the Americas ***■***, it is appropriate that the European Union empowers France to accede to ***it***.
- (3a) ***French overseas countries and territories listed in Annex II TFEU, and their waters, are outside the territorial scope of the Treaties as regards the matters of the Convention for which the Union has exclusive competence. Therefore, this Decision is without prejudice to any rights or obligations of France that arise from the accession to the Convention in respect of those countries and territories, and their waters.***
- (3a) ***Certain French outermost regions, such as French Guiana, that are situated within the Convention Area are exposed to illegal fishing activities¹ which also result in large numbers of incidental capture of sea turtles. This requires cooperation with neighbouring countries in order to safeguard these protected species and ensure the integrity of their habitats, which would be facilitated by joining the Convention.***

¹ ***Leforestier Sophie (2024). Estimation de la pêche illégale étrangère en Guyane française. CRPMEM Guyane. <https://archimer.ifremer.fr/doc/00909/102042/>.***

- (4) France should **inform** the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission on the accession to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and **consult** the Commission **and relevant stakeholders, in particular local stakeholders**, on positions related to decisions, recommendations and measures taken under this Convention. France should also regularly inform the Commission on the adoption of **those** decisions, **recommendations** or measures. ***The European Parliament may invite the Commission to be informed on the decisions, measures and recommendations taken under the Convention. France should also make available to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council, its annual report referred to in Article XI of the Convention.***

HAVE ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

France is hereby empowered to accede to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles.

Article 2

France **shall** inform the European Parliament, the Council **and the Commission** on the accession to the Inter-American Convention for the Protection and Conservation of Sea Turtles and consult the Commission **and relevant stakeholders, in particular local stakeholders**, on positions related to decisions, measures and recommendations taken under the Convention, and regularly inform the Commission on adoption of **those** decisions, measures and recommendations.

France shall make available to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council, its annual report referred to in Article XI of the Convention.

Article 3

This Decision is addressed to France.

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President
