



Council of the  
European Union

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**PECHE 420**

## **LEGISLATIVE ACTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION authorising the opening of negotiations with the the Republic of Liberia for a new protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2021/...**

**of ...**

**authorising the opening of negotiations with the the Republic of Liberia  
for a new protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement  
between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43  
in conjunction with Article 218(3) and (4) thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The first Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia<sup>1</sup> expired on 8 December 2020.
- (2) Negotiations should be opened with a view to concluding a new protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Liberia<sup>2</sup> (the ‘Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement’),

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 328, 12.12.2015, p. 11.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 328, 12.12.2015, p. 3.

*Article 1*

1. The Commission is hereby authorised to open negotiations with the Republic of Liberia for a new protocol to the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement.
2. The negotiations shall be conducted on the basis of the negotiating directives of the Council set out in the addendum to this Decision.

*Article 2*

The negotiations shall be conducted in consultation with the Council Working Party on Internal and External Fisheries Policy.

*Article 3*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at ...,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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