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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Madagascar and the Implementing Protocol thereto (2023-2027) - Adoption

1. The Commission issued a proposal for the abovementioned Council Decision on 28 April 2023[1], with the aim of approving the agreement and protocol on behalf of the European Union.

2. On 26 June 2023, the Council adopted a decision on the signing and provisional application of the agreement and protocol[2]. And it agreed to send to the European Parliament for its consent the draft decision on the conclusion of the agreement and protocol[3], as finalised by the lawyer linguists.

3. The European Parliament gave its consent on 9 November 2023.

4. In view of this, the Permanent Representatives Committee is called on to suggest that the Council, at a forthcoming session:

   - adopts the decision on the conclusion of the protocol, as set out in doc. 9525/23;
   - takes note of the statement in the addendum to this note.

[1] Doc. 8801/23 + ADD 1.
[2] Doc. 9523/23.
[3] Doc. 9525/23.

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