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Subject:	COUNCIL REGULATION on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles (2020-2026)

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2020/…

of …

on the allocation of the fishing opportunities under the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles (2020-2026)

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

(1) On 15 July 2019, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations with the Republic of Seychelles ('Seychelles') with a view to concluding a new Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles ('the Partnership Agreement') and a new implementing protocol thereto ('the Protocol').

(2) The negotiations were successfully concluded by the initialling of the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol on 22 October 2019.

(3) The Partnership Agreement repeals the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles[1], which entered into force on 2 November 2007 for a duration of six years and has been tacitly renewed and is therefore still in force.

(4) The most recent protocol implementing the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Republic of Seychelles[2] was signed on 18 December 2013 and was provisionally applied from 18 January 2014. It expired on 17 January 2020.

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1 OJ L 290, 20.10.2006, p. 2.

2 Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and the financial contribution provided for by the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles (OJ L 4, 9.1.2014, p. 3).

(5) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2020/…[1+], the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol were signed on …[++], subject to their conclusion at a later date.

(6) The fishing opportunities provided for in the Protocol should be allocated among the Member States for the entire period of application of the Protocol.

(7) The Partnership Agreement and the Protocol should enter into force as soon as possible in view of the economic importance of the Union fishing activities in the Seychelles fishing zone and the need to reduce the interruption of such activities as much as possible.

(8) The Protocol will apply on a provisional basis as from the signature thereof in order to allow for the continuation of fishing activities of Union vessels. This Regulation should therefore apply from the same date,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

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1 Council Decision (EU) 2020/… of … on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Seychelles and its implementing protocol (2020-2026) (OJ L …).

\+ OJ: please insert serial number of the Council Decision contained in document ST 5242/20 and complete the corresponding footnote.

++ OJ: please insert the date of signing of the Partnership Agreement and of the Protocol.

Article 1

The fishing opportunities established under the Protocol on the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Republic of Seychelles (2020-2026) ('the Protocol') shall be allocated among the Member States as follows:

(a) tuna purse seine vessels:

Spain:	22	vessels
France:	16	vessels
Italy:	2	vessels

(b) surface longliners:

Spain:	2	vessels
France:	4	vessels
Portugal:	2	vessels

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

It shall apply from … [date of provisional application of the Protocol].

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President