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DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1(A) OF THE OSPAR CONVENTION INCLUDING THE WATER SURROUNDING MACARONESIA (MADEIRA AND THE CANARY ISLANDS) IN THE MARITIME AREA GOVERNED BY THE OSPAR CONVENTION

- At the 28th regular meeting/session of the OSPAR Commission starting on 23 June 2025, the Union shall support the amendment to Article 1(a) of the OSPAR Convention jointly proposed by Spain and Portugal to include the waters surrounding Macaronesia (Madeira and the Canary Islands) in the maritime area governed by the OSPAR Convention.
- The Union shall ensure that the amendment to Article 1(a) of the OSPAR Convention remains in line with Union legislation, including in particular Directive 2008/56/EC¹, Council Directive 92/43/EEC², Directive 2009/147/EC³ and Regulation (EU) 2024/1991⁴. Coherence with the EU biodiversity strategy for 2030⁵ shall also be pursued.

¹ Directive 2008/56/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 June 2008 establishing a framework for community action in the field of marine environmental policy (Marine Strategy Framework Directive) (OJ L 164, 25.6.2008, p. 19).

² Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7).

³ Directive 2009/147/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 November 2009 on the conservation of wild birds (OJ L 20, 26.1.2010, p. 7).

⁴ Regulation (EU) 2024/1991 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2024 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869 (OJ L, 2024/1991, 29.7.2024).

⁵ Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 – Bringing nature back into our lives (COM/2020/380 final).