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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(5) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the Commission recommendation and the Council decision authorising the opening of negotiations,

Whereas:

- (1) The Commission has negotiated on behalf of the Union a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of The Gambia ('the Partnership Agreement') as well as a Protocol on the implementation of the Partnership Agreement ('the Protocol'). The Partnership Agreement and the Protocol were initialled on 19 October 2018.
- (2) The Partnership Agreement repeals the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of the Gambia on fishing off the Gambia<sup>(1)</sup>, which entered into force on 2 June 1987.
- (3) The objective of the Protocol is to enable the Union and The Gambia to work together more closely in promoting a sustainable fisheries policy and responsible exploitation of fisheries resources in Gambian waters.
- (4) The Partnership Agreement and the Protocol should be signed. In order to ensure an expeditious start to fishing activities by Union vessels, the Partnership Agreement and the Protocol should be applied on a provisional basis as from the signature thereof, pending the completion of the procedures necessary for their entry into force,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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(**1**) OJ L 146, 6.6.1987, p. 3.

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