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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(6), second subparagraph, point (a)(v), and Article 218(7) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament[(1)],

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2019/1925[(2)], the Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal ('the Protocol') was signed on 18 November 2019.

(2) The objective of the Protocol is to enable the Union and the Republic of Senegal ('Senegal') to work more closely on promoting a sustainable fisheries policy and sound exploitation of fishery resources in Senegalese waters and to support Senegal's efforts to develop its fisheries sector.

(3) The Protocol should be approved on behalf of the Union.

(4) Article 7 of the Agreement establishes a Joint Committee responsible for monitoring the Agreement's implementation. Furthermore, the Joint Committee may adopt certain amendments to the Protocol. In order to facilitate the approval of such amendments, the Commission should be empowered, subject to specific substantive and procedural conditions, to approve them on behalf of the Union under a simplified procedure.

(5) The Union's position on envisaged amendments to the Protocol should be established by the Council. The proposed amendments should be approved unless a blocking minority of Member States, in accordance with Article 16(4) of the Treaty on European Union, objects to the amendments,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2020/1786. (See end of Document for details)*

Article 1

The Protocol on the implementation of the Agreement on a Sustainable Fisheries Partnership between the European Union and the Republic of Senegal is hereby approved on behalf of the Union[(3)].

Article 2

In accordance with the procedure laid down in the Annex to this Decision, the Commission is hereby authorised to approve, on behalf of the Union, amendments to the Protocol adopted by the Joint Committee established under Article 7 of the Agreement.

Article 3

The President of the Council shall, on behalf of the Union, give the notification provided for in Article 17 of the Protocol.

Article 4

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Done at Brussels, 27 November 2020.

For the Council

The President

M. ROTH