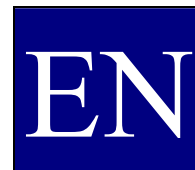




**COUNCIL OF
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Council Conclusions on a possible future accession of the European Union to the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna

*2986th AGRICULTURE and FISHERIES Council meeting
Brussels, 15 December 2009*

The Council adopted the following conclusions:

"THE COUNCIL

NOTES that the Commission wishes the European Union to accede to the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

AGREES that it is desirable that the European Union becomes a Contracting Party to the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

INVITES CONSEQUENTLY the Commission to request the Contracting Parties to the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna to amend this Convention in order to enable the accession of the Union, AND ASKS the Commission to report to the Council on further developments."

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