Question for written answer E-002647/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Special fishing arrangements for Iceland in the event of EU accession

Iceland is set to hold a referendum on 29 August 2026 on the resumption of negotiations for its accession to the European Union.

The fisheries sector is of vital strategic and economic importance to Iceland, and the country has historically insisted on maintaining full sovereign control over its EEZ and fisheries resources.

In accordance with Article 49 TEU, any European State seeking to accede to the Union must accept and fully implement the Union acquis. In this context, Chapter 13 (‘Fisheries’) of the accession negotiations requires, in principle, full alignment with the common fisheries policy, unless specific transitional arrangements are agreed during the accession negotiations.

Can the Commission confirm that the full implementation of the common fisheries policy is a condition of Iceland’s accession to the European Union and that, at present, no permanent exemptions, special arrangements or opt-outs are envisaged with regard to the implementation of that policy?

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