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Subject: Iceland's accession to the EU

On 17 June 2015 it will be five years since the Council agreed to open negotiations on Iceland's accession to the EU following its formal application in July 2009. However, on 13 March it was announced that the Icelandic Government itself had withdrawn its membership bid.

The complex fisheries chapter (Chapter XIII) appears to be one of the main reasons behind the termination of the accession process, which was initiated by Iceland's Social Democrats, as this is a particularly sensitive field for Iceland where substantial progress needs to be made in the integration process.

Given that Iceland has already incorporated two-thirds of EU legislation within its own corpus of law, and given that it belongs to the Schengen Area and the European Economic Area,

1. What is the Council's assessment of the negotiations so far?
2. What is the outlook in terms of Iceland joining the EU in the future?