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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the European Committee for Drawing up Standards in the Field of Inland Navigation and in the Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine on the adoption of models in the fields of professional qualifications in inland navigation – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 3 July 2019 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision on the Union position at the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI) and in the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR).
2. CESNI will convene on 15 October 2019 in Strasbourg, France. The date of CCNR meeting deciding on this matter is not known yet.

3. The Union is not a contracting party to CESNI, but all Member States may participate and vote in CESNI meetings. The Union is not a contracting party to CCNR, either. Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands, in addition to Switzerland, are the contracting parties to CCNR.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. The Shipping Working Party examined the proposal on 5 July 2019.

III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit for adoption by the Council (CAG) on 16 September 2019, as presented in document 11037/19 + ADD 1, revised by the lawyer-linguists.
6. The Council is invited to adopt the Decision.
7. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about the Council Decision.
