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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards the establishment of a Technical Committee on Waterborne Transport and Multimodality - adoption

1. On 9 August 2021, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal aims at an EU position in view of the intention of the EU-Western Balkans Transport Community's Regional Steering Committee to create a technical committee on waterborne transport and multimodality.
3. Those committees consist of representatives of the parties to the Transport Community Treaty, are chaired by a representative from a regional party, and are open to the participation of observers from EU Member States; the committees make proposals in their sphere of responsibility to the Regional Steering Committee. So far, separate committees have been created for road, railways, transport facilitation, road safety and the transport of dangerous goods.

4. During an informal meeting of its members, the Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks received the Commission's presentation on 7 September 2021. The Commission explained that the committee would work, in particular, on supporting the implementation of the Action Plan on waterborne transport adopted by the TCT's Ministerial Council on 5 July 2021. Delegations welcomed the proposal. The Presidency concluded that the proposal was ready for adoption.
5. In view of this, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited
- to endorse the agreement reached at the level of the working group, and
 - to recommend that the Council adopt the Decision, as finalised by lawyer-linguists and set out in documents ST 11490/21 and 11514/21¹, as an "A" item on the agenda of a forthcoming meeting.
6. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.
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¹ The documents will be made available at the latest on 21 September, early afternoon.