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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union on the amendments to the Annexes to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and to the Annexed Regulations to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 2 September 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above-mentioned Council decision, after having informed, on 11 July 2022, the Working Group on Land Transport about the conclusion of work on technical and scientific updates to the relevant international agreements on the transport of dangerous goods by road and by inland waterways, for the years 2023 and 2024.
2. The consultation of the contracting parties on the changes to the Annexed Regulations and the Annexes to above-mentioned agreements was launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 1 July 2022 (carriage by inland waterways) and 6 July 2022 (carriage by road), respectively, thereby starting three-month periods after which the amendments are deemed to be accepted if no relevant objection will have been made.

3. The Union is not a contracting party to either of the agreements. However, all Member States are contracting parties to the Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and thirteen Member States are contracting parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN). The Union regulates, in particular through Directive 2008/68/EC¹, the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterways, and refers to the application of rules adopted under ADR and ADN.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. During a meeting of the members of the Working Party on Land Transport on 5 September 2022, the Commission presented the proposal. Delegations supported its adoption, while several scrutiny reservations were pending.
5. Following a request by the Presidency inviting delegations to provide written comments they may have by 12 September 2022, no delegation made additional comments. The deliberations at the level of the working party may thus be considered finalised.

III. CONCLUSIONS

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit it for adoption to the Council, as presented in documents 12123/22, after revision by the lawyer-linguists, and 12399/22.²
7. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about the Council Decision.

¹ Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on the inland transport of dangerous goods (OJ L 260, 30.9.2008, p. 13.).

² Deadline for issuing the documents is 20 September 2022, p.m.