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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a 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 the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning inland navigation vessels and river information services – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 11 August 2022, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal concerns the establishment of the Union position at the meeting of the European Committee for drawing up Standards in Inland Navigation (CESNI) of 13 October 2022 and at a meeting of the plenary session of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) of 8 December 2022 in connection with the envisaged adoption of the European Standards laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation Vessels (ES-TRIN 2023/1) and the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS 2023/1).

3. Those standards are capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹ and the binding technical specifications adopted within the framework of Directive 2005/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council².
4. The CCNR is an international organisation with regulatory competences for inland navigation transport matters on the Rhine. Four EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands) and Switzerland are parties to the CCNR. The Union is not a party to the CCNR.
5. CESNI was created on 3 June 2015 in the framework of the CCNR in order to develop technical standards for inland waterways in various fields, in particular as regards vessels, information technology and crew.

II. WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

6. The proposal was examined by the Shipping Working Party at its meetings on 5 and 12 September 2022.
7. Following agreement reached at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

III. CONCLUSIONS

8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to examine and endorse the draft decision, as contained in document ST 12317/22, prepared by the legal-linguistic services, and transmit it to the Council for adoption.
9. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.

¹ Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC (OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 118).

² Directive 2005/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on harmonised river information services (RIS) on inland waterways in the Community (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 152).