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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directive 91/672/EEC and Council Directive 96/50/EC(first reading)
	Adoption of the legislative act

- 1. On 18 February 2016 <u>the Commission</u> sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The <u>European Economic and Social Committee</u> delivered its opinion on 13 July 2016².
- 3. <u>The European Parliament</u> adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal on 14 November 2017. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

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² OJ C 389, 21.10.2016, p. 93.

³ 14258/17.

- 4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
 - approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 42/17, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting;
 - order that the statement in the <u>addendum</u> to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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