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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union during the 99th session of the International Maritime Organization's Maritime Safety Committee on the adoption of amendments to SOLAS regulations II-1/1 and II-1/8-1, the approval of relevant guidelines on computerised stability support for the master in case of flooding for existing passenger ships and on the adoption of amendments to the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 - Adoption

INTRODUCTION

1. On 12 March 2018, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal concerns the establishment of the Union position for the 99th session of the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 99) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) with regard to:

- a) the adoption of amendments to regulations II-1/1 and II-1/8-1 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) (on computerised stability support for the master in case of flooding for existing passenger ships), as well as the approval of associated guidelines (on operational information for masters in case of flooding for passenger ships constructed before 1 January 2014);
 - b) the adoption of amendments to the International Code for Application of Fire Test Procedures, 2010 (the FTP Code) (to extend the application of the testing requirements for exposed floor coverings to passenger ships carrying less than 36 passengers).
3. Those amendments, which are expected to be adopted during MSC 99 (16–25 May 2018), would be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.

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4. The proposal was examined by the Shipping Working Party on 12 and 19 April 2018. At the meeting on 19 April, the Shipping Working Party agreed on the text.
5. The Commission voiced concerns on some of the amendments made to its original proposal and announced its intention to make a statement to the minutes of the Permanent Representatives Committee and of the Council.

CONCLUSION

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee/Council are invited to adopt the Decision as set out in document ST 7361/18, prepared by the legal-linguistic experts.

¹ Directive 2009/45/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 on safety rules and standards for passenger ships (OJ L 163, 25.6.2009, p. 1).