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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the Conference of the Contracting Parties of the Convention on the collection, deposit and reception of waste generated during navigation on the Rhine and other inland waterways (CDNI) on the adoption of the resolution aiming to extend the ban on the discharging of domestic wastewater by inland waterways vessels carrying between 12 and 50 passengers – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 11 June 2021, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal concerns the establishment of the Union position for the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Convention on the collection, deposit and reception of waste generated during navigation on the Rhine and other inland waterways (“CDNI”).
3. The Conference of the Contracting Parties, during its meeting on 22 June, is expected to adopt a resolution aiming to extend the ban on the discharging of domestic wastewater by inland waterways vessels carrying between 12 and 50 passengers, in the interest of better environmental protection.

4. The provisions of the resolution would be capable of decisively influencing the content of Union law, namely Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.
5. Five EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg and the Netherlands) and Switzerland are parties to the CDNI. The Union is not a contracting party to the CDNI.

II. WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

6. The proposal was examined by the Shipping Working Party on 7 June 2021, based on an informal advance copy of the Commission proposal. After that meeting, delegations were given the possibility to provide comments on the proposal. No delegation objected to the proposal.
7. Following the 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 9655/21, 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).