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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC
(first reading)
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the Council's statement of reasons

1. On 10 September 2013 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 January 2014². The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 30 January 2014³.
3. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 15 April 2014⁴.

¹ 13717/13.

² OJ C 177, 11.6.2014, p. 58.

³ OJ C 126, 26.4.2014, p. 48.

⁴ 8517/14.

4. At its 3463rd meeting on 13 May 2016, the Foreign Affairs Council reached political agreement on the Council's position at first reading on the above Directive¹.
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council:
 - adopt the Council's position at first reading as set out in 7532/16 and the statement of reasons set out in 7532/16 ADD 1 as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom delegation abstaining;
 - order that the statement in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.
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¹ In accordance with the letter of 7 April 2016 from the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism to the Chair of Coreper, the European Parliament should, at second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading without amendments.