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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union as regards the amendments to the Annexes of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and to the Annexed Regulations to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 31 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, after having informed, on 7 July 2020, the Working Group on Land Transport about the conclusion of work on technical and scientific updates to the relevant international agreements on the transport of dangerous goods by road and by inland waterways, for the years 2021 and 2022.

2. The consultation of the contracting parties on the changes to the Annexes and to the Annexed Regulations to above-mentioned agreements was launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 1 July 2020 and it ends on 1 October 2020.

3. The Union is not a contracting party to either of the agreements. However, all Member States are contracting parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and thirteen Member States are contracting parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN). The European Union regulates, in particular through Directive 2008/68/EC[1], the transport of dangerous goods by road, rail and inland waterways, and refers to the application of rules adopted under ADR and AND.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. During an informal meeting of the members of the Working Party on Land Transport on 8 September 2020, the Commission presented the proposal. Delegations supported its adoption and noted, in agreement with the Commission, that the list of relevant UNECE documents needed to be completed by some documents which had been published more recently.

5. Following a written consultation of the Working Party on the draft decision thus amended,[2] no delegation made additional comments.

III. CONCLUSIONS

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit it for adoption to the Council), as presented in document 10362/20 which was revised by the lawyer-linguists.[3]

7. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about the Council Decision.

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1 Directive 2008/68/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 September 2008 on the inland transport of dangerous goods (OJ L 260, 30.9.2008, p. 13.).

2 See document 10565/20.

3 The document revised by the lawyer-linguists will be available on 22 September 2020, p.m.