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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) – Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

1. On 31 August 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal, after the conclusion of work at UNECE level 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 Working Party on Land Transport concluded its work on 11 September 2020, resulting in a slightly amended technical part.[1]

[1] See doc. ST 10656/20.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee on 23 September 2020 endorsed the draft Decision as presented in document 10362/20 which was revised by the lawyer-linguists.

5. At the meeting of the Council on 29 September 2020, the decision could not be adopted as the necessary quorum was not reached.

6. In view of the approaching end of the consultation period on 1 October 2020, it is necessary to take a decision without delay.

7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision 2020/430, as extended, on the use of the written procedure for adopting the decision as set out in document 10362/20.