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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of the revised Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 21 June 2022, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal concerns the establishment of the Union position in view of the adoption of a resolution by the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (“CCNR”) regarding the draft Regulations for Rhine Navigation Personnel (“RPN”). The RPN is in the process of being revised to take into account Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council¹.
3. The CCNR is an international organisation with regulatory competences for inland navigation transport matters on the Rhine. Four EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands) and Switzerland are parties to the CCNR. The Union is not a party to the CCNR.

¹ Directive (EU) 2017/2397 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 on the recognition of professional qualifications in inland navigation and repealing Council Directives 91/672/EEC and 96/50/EC (OJ L 345, 27.12.2017, p. 53).

II. WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

4. The proposal was examined by the Shipping Working Party at its meetings on 5 and 11 July 2022 and amended in order to take into account the views expressed by delegations.
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.
6. Following agreement reached at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

III. CONCLUSIONS

7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to examine and endorse the draft decision, as contained in document ST 11265/22, prepared by the legal-linguistic services, and transmit it to the Council for adoption.
 8. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.
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