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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted 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), adopted by the Working Party on Transport of Dangerous Goods – WP.15 and the ADN Administrative Committee – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 17 August 2018 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision on the Union position as regards certain modifications to the international agreements on the transport of dangerous goods by road and by inland waterways.

2. The consultation of the contracting parties to the above-mentioned agreements was launched by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 1 July 2018 and it ends on 1 October 2018.

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 twelve Member States are contracting parties to the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN).

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. The Working Party on Land Transport examined in its meeting on 3 September 2018 the proposal by the Commission and endorsed the text. However, an incoherence was noted in Article 3 between the German language version and all the other versions. The incoherence is to be corrected in the legal-linguistic revision of the text in the German language (see document 11722/18 + ADD 1).

III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit for adoption by the Council (Competitiveness) on 27 September 2018, as presented in document 11722/18 + ADD 1, revised by the lawyer-linguists.

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