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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Commission to be included in the minutes of the Permanent Representatives Committee and of the Council.

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Commission statement

The Commission considers that the items due to be adopted at the 31st session of the IMO Assembly, which would introduce amendments to resolution A.658(16) on the use and fitting of retro-reflective materials on Life-Saving Appliances and amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), resolution A.1120 (30), will affect EU law through the application of Directive 2014/90/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 July 2014 on marine equipment and Commission implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1397 of 6 August 2019 on design, construction and performance requirements and testing standards for marine equipment, and through the application of Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on common rules and standards for ship inspection and survey organisations. The Union position established in respect of the amendments to resolution A.658(16) on the use and fitting of retro-reflective materials on Life-Saving Appliances and amendments to the Survey Guidelines under the Harmonized System of Survey and Certification (HSSC), resolution A.1120 (30) must therefore be understood in this regard.