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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| No. prev. doc.: | 13693/22 + ADD 1 |
| No. Cion doc.: | COM(2022) 536 final |
| Subject: | COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards the revision of the Regional Steering Committee rules of procedure, of the Staff Regulations, and on the introduction of the rules of procedure of the Conciliation Committee and of the rules on dispute settlement for the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat<br>– Adoption |

1. On 21 October 2022, the European Commission proposed a draft Council decision on an EU position in the Regional Steering Committee of the EU-Western Balkans Transport Community, aiming at the adoption of certain internal rules (rules of procedure of a conciliation committee, rules on dispute settlement) and at changes to related provisions in the Regional Steering Committee's rules of procedure as well as the Transport Community's staff regulations.

2. These rules are complementing the Transport Community's Staff Regulations, which require the establishment of dispute resolution mechanisms for disputes between the Permanent secretariat and its staff members. In addition, the changes to the Regional Steering Committee's rules of procedure would respond to the Permanent Secretariat's request for a shorter lead time requirement concerning the distribution of meeting documents to members of the Regional Steering Committee, namely four weeks instead of six weeks before the meeting date.

3. The Working Group on Transport – Intermodal Questions and Networks discussed the proposal on 28 October 2022. The Commission representative referred to the preparatory work carried out within the Permanent Secretariat and presented to the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee on 8 June 2022.[1] The adoption of the new rules was planned for the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee on 15 December 2022. Delegations made no comments. In the meeting on 8 November 2022, the Presidency concluded that the examination at the technical level was completed.

4. In light of this, it is suggested, subject to endorsement by the Permanent Representatives Committee, that Council decides on the EU position as set out, after lawyer-linguistic revision, in document ST 14455/22 + ADD 1.

5. Once adopted, the decision will be published in the Official Journal and the European Parliament will be informed about it.

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[1] See doc. ST 9126/22.