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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022 (the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships") - Agreement in principle - Request for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022 (the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships"). The Commission then submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of this Convention, which was adopted on 12 December 2023¹.
2. The European Union signed the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships" on 14 March 2024.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2024/414 of 21 December 2023 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022, OJ L, 2024/414, 29.1.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/414/oj>

3. On 24 July 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships, accompanied by a Declaration laying out the competences of the European Union , at the time of conclusion.
4. The proposal was examined by the Working Party on Civil Law Matters on 17 September and 10 October and endorsed, as modified, to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.
5. The text of the Convention is available in all languages as document 15716/1/23 REV 1.
6. In view of the above, it is recommended for the Permanent Representatives Committee to invited the Council to:
 - a) agree in principle on the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Convention and the attached relevant declaration of competences, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts (14882/25 + ADD 1);
 - b) decide to forward the draft Decision on the conclusion of the Convention, to which the Convention is attached, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts, to the European Parliament for its consent.