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Subject:	Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community Treaty as regards certain budgetary matters in relation to the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community – *Adoption*

1. On 18 February 2020 the European Commission submitted a proposal for a Council decision establishing an EU position within the EU-Western Balkan Transport Community's Regional Steering Committee.

2. The adoption of the 2020 annual budget by the Regional Steering Committee is necessary for pursuing the implementation of the Treaty on the Transport Community (TCT) and for the functioning of its Permanent Secretariat. The Commission proposes an overall amount of EUR 3 million.[1] The European Union's contribution to this budget amounts to 80 per cent.

[1] Of which EUR 1.461.500 are foreseen for staff costs, EUR 396.900 for the running costs of the Secretariat, EUR 60.000 for office equipment and furniture, EUR 800.000 are earmarked for a study and technical assistance; EUR 281.600 would be allocated to a reserve.

3. The working group on transport - intermodal questions and networks examined the above proposal on 4 March 2020. The Commission had provided delegations with background information during two previous working group meetings, on 31 January and 14 February 2020. Delegations broadly welcomed the proposal, resulting in a general agreement. The French delegation entered a parliamentary scrutiny reservation.

4. It was noted that certain staff-related expenditures (removal costs, school fees) will require an amendment to the TCT Staff Regulations. In addition, the Commission informed the working party that it intends to finish its interim management of the Secretariat in spring 2020, with the regular appointment of the Secretariat's management.

5. In light of this, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommends that the Council, at a forthcoming session

   – adopts the decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community Treaty as regards certain budgetary matters in relation to the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community, as set out, after lawyer-linguistic revision, in documents ST 6432/20 and 6534/20[2].

   This decision will be published in the Official Journal and the European Parliament will be informed about it.

[2] The documents will be available on 10 March 2020.