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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 56th session of the Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail as regards certain amendments to Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by rail – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 26 February 2020 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision regarding the position of the European Union at the 56th session of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.

2. The experts will meet in Berne, Switzerland, on 27 May 2020. The amendments to be adopted at the meeting will enter into force on 1 January 2021.

3. The Union has acceded to the *Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail* (COTIF) in 2011 by virtue of Council Decision 2013/103/EU of 16 June 2011.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. In its meeting on 27 February 2020, the Working Party on Land Transport examined and endorsed the proposal presented by the Commission.

III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit it for adoption by the Council, as presented in document 6438/20, revised by the lawyer-linguists, and the related table of amendments in document 7049/20.

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