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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation and in the Central Commission for the Navigation on the Rhine on the adoption of standards concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation – Decision to use the written procedure for adoption

INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 11 February 2021 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision on the Union position at the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation (CESNI) and in the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) on adoption of standards concerning professional qualifications in inland navigation.

2. CESNI will convene on 15 April 2021 and the meeting of the CCNR will take place on 2 June 2021.

3. The Union is not a contracting party to CESNI, but all Member States may participate and vote in CESNI meetings. The Union is not a contracting party to CCNR, either. Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands, in addition to Switzerland, are the contracting parties to CCNR.

WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

4. The Shipping Working Party examined the proposal on 8 March 2021. Following the agreement reached at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

CONCLUSIONS

5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:

a) to confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision, as presented in document ST 7140/21, revised by the lawyer-linguists and

b) to decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council Rules of Procedure and Article 1 of Council Decision (EU) 2020/556[1] , that the Council uses the written procedure for its adoption.

6. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.

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[1] Council Decision (EU) 2020/556 of 21 April 2020 extending the temporary derogation from the Council's Rules of Procedure introduced by Decision (EU) 2020/430 in view of the travel difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the Union (OJ L 128I , 23.4.2020, p. 1)