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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 57th 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

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1. On 16 March 2022, the Commission submitted the abovementioned proposal to the Council. It relates to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) within the framework of the Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF), whose mission is to establish common rules for the international carriage of passengers and goods by rail between its Member States. The Union acceded to COTIF in 2011 by means of Council Decision 2013/103/EU of 16 June 2011.

2. The proposal aims to support, within the OTIF Committee of Experts for the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the approval of certain technical amendments to the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), forming Appendix C to COTIF. Such amendments are envisaged every two years in order to update the rules in force in the light of scientific and technical progress; they are the result of complex international coordination involving experts from other international road transport and inland waterway transport forums.
3. The 57th session of the Committee of Experts will take place in Bern, Switzerland, on 25 May 2022. The rules to be adopted at the meeting will enter into force on 1 January 2023.
4. The Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks examined the proposal at its meeting on 16 March 2022 and agreed on the draft.
5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the draft Decision as set out in ST 7309 + ADD 1<sup>1</sup>, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, and to submit it to the Council for adoption.
6. Once the Decision has been adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about it.

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<sup>1</sup> This document will be distributed in the afternoon of 5 April 2022 at the latest.