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

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Subject: Consultation of the Council by the European Commission on the EU position regarding the fourth revision by the Regional Steering Committee of Annex I to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community
- Approval

1. Through a letter received on 24 February 2025 the European Commission services are consulting the Council on the planned fourth revision of Annex I to the Transport Community Treaty (TCT).¹ This consultation occurs prior to an envisaged decision by the TCT's Regional Steering Committee which can update the Union *acquis* which is compulsory in the TCT. The prior consultation of the Council follows the procedure set out in Article 2(2) of Council Decision (EU) 2019/392².
2. Based on this consultation, the Commission intends to establish the Union position in the Regional Steering Committee concerning the subject matter. The Regional Steering Committee can update the Union *acquis*, which is or will become compulsory in the TCT in accordance with Art 3(1) TCT in conjunction with Annexes I and II and with the individual protocols to the TCT.

¹ OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3–53.

² In accordance with Article 2(2) of the Council Decision (EU) 2019/392 on the Conclusion of the Treaty Establishing the Transport Community (OJ L 71, 13.3.2019, p. 1), when updating Union Acts set out in Annex 1 to the Treaty, the Commission shall consult the Council on the anticipated position by means of a written document.

3. The Working Group on transport - intermodal questions and networks examined the list of foreseen changes to Annex I to the TCT³ on 28 February 2025 as exposed by the director of the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community. Afterwards, the consultation paper⁴ was submitted to delegations and Member States were invited to send written comments to prepare a possible Council response to the consultation.

4. In the absence of comments by delegations, the draft Council response should read as follows: “The Council thanks the Commission for consulting on the draft EU position in preparation of the Regional Steering Committee’s fourth decision to update Annex I to the Transport Community Treaty (Union acquis). The Council has no comment.”

5. In view of the foregoing, and subject to endorsement by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to approve the above-mentioned response to the consultation.

³ See WK 2648/25, now in ST 6593/25.

⁴ See ST 6593/25.