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**MEETING DOCUMENT**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2008/106/EC on the minimum level of training of seafarers and repealing Directive 2005/45/EC - Presidency compromise proposals for recital 3a and Article 19(2)

Delegations will find attached a revised Presidency compromise proposal for recital 3a and a new compromise proposal for Article 19(2).

Presidency compromise proposal for recital 3a and Article 19(2)

(3a) It is one of the objectives of the common transport policy in the field of maritime transport to facilitate the movement of seafarers within the Union. Such movement contributes, among other things, to making the Union maritime transport sector attractive to future generations to avoid the European maritime cluster encountering a shortage of competent staff with the right mix of skills and competencies. The mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates issued by Member States is an essential element necessary to facilitate the movement of seafarers. **In the light of the right to good administration, Member States' decisions in respect of acceptance of certificates of proficiency issued to seafarers by other Member States for the purposes of issuing national certificates of competency should be based on reasons ascertainable by the seafarer concerned.**

2. Following the submission of the request by a Member State, a decision for initiating the recognition procedure for that third country shall be taken by the Commission by means of an implementing act. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 28(2) **within a reasonable time with due regard to the time limit set out in paragraph 3.**

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