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Delegations will find attached comments by Sweden on the above proposal.

Comments by Sweden

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 – comments by the Swedish delegation

SE proposes that article 5b.1 is amended as follows:

Every Member State shall accept Certificates of Proficiency and Documentary evidence issued by another Member State, or under its authority, for the purpose of allowing seafarers to serve on-board its fleet. Documentary evidence issued by or related to a specific shipping company or ship shall not be accepted for the purpose of allowing seafarers to serve on-board ships of another company.

Justification:

At occasions individual shipping companies train personnel serving on their own passenger ships and issue documentary evidence accordingly. Such training comply with the STCW Convention and STCW Code and hence the requirements of this Directive, even if the particular education is specially designed for services on a particular ship or within a specific shipping company. It is not appropriate if such documentary evidence is valid for service on ships within other shipping companies and Article 5b.1 should therefore be ammended in order to clarify this.