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from: General Secretariat
to: COREPER/Council

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Subject: Proposal for a Council decision on the conclusion, of behalf of the European Community, of the Protocol on the Implementation of the Alpine Convention in the field of Transport (Transport Protocol)
- Adoption

1. The above-mentioned proposal, which the Commission transmitted to Council on 9 January 2009, aims at concluding, on behalf of the European Union, the Transport Protocol to the Alpine Convention. The proposal follows the Council Decision of 12 October 2006 on the signature of the Protocol¹.
2. On 22 April 2009 the European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution² approving the conclusion of the Protocol. Following the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and thus, a change of the legal basis of the act, the European Parliament confirmed the aforementioned resolution on 5 May 2010 ("Omnibus Resolution")³.

¹ Council Decision 2007/799/EC, OJ L 323, 8.12.07, p.13

² OJ C 184 E, 8.7.2010, p. 183

³ OJ C 81 E, 15.3.2011, p. 1

3. Following the transmission of the Commission proposal to the Council, those Member States of the Union which are also signatories to the Alpine Convention launched their national procedures for concluding the Protocol. These procedures were completed at the end of 2012.
4. The Intermodal Working Party examined the proposal on 17 May 2012 and agreed to forward the amended text to COREPER and COUNCIL for adoption.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is, therefore, invited:
 - to endorse the Council Decision as reflected in document 9769 TRANS 247 ENVI 419 OC 306 and
 - to forward the endorsed text to Council for adoption.
