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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

from:	General Secretariat of the Council
to:	Coreper/Council
Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the acceptance of the Amendment to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
	- Request by the Council for the consent of the European Parliament

1. The 2003 Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes adopted an Amendment allowing the accession to the Convention of any State that is a Member of the United Nations, upon approval by the Meeting of the Parties.

2. On 24 April 2013, the Commission submitted a proposal to the Council for a Council Decision on the acceptance, on behalf of the European Union, of the Amendment to Articles 25 and 26 of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. [1]

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[1]   9463/13.

3.   On 18 July 2013, the Commission presented this proposal to the <u>Working Party on the Environment</u>. On 19 July 2013, the Presidency circulated a draft Decision drawn up on the basis of the Commission proposal and invited delegations to submit any comments by 23 July 2013 [2]. In the absence of comments and following its legal-linguistic revision, the draft Decision would thereafter be forwarded to Coreper/Council for transmission to the European Parliament for its consent. No comments were received by that date.

4.   With a view to preparing for the acceptance of the Amendment on behalf of the Union, the <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is thus invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, decides to forward to the European Parliament for its consent the draft decision on acceptance as contained in J/L document 12713/13.

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[2]   12583/13.