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From:	European Commission
To:	Council
Subject:	System for monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of GHG emissions from international maritime transport
	- <i>Information from the Commission</i>

Delegations will find annexed an information note from the Commission on the above-mentioned subject, which will be dealt with under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 10 October 2013.

Information note from the Commission**System for monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of GHG emissions from international maritime transport**

The Commission would like to use the occasion to inform Ministers both at the TTE (Transport) Council on 10 October and at the Environment Council on 14 October about the proposal and its links to international negotiations, notably at the level of the International Maritime Organisation.

The Commission presented a proposal to set up a system for monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of GHG emissions from international maritime transport on 28 June 2013 (COM (2013) 480). The proposal was accompanied by a Communication (COM(2013) 479) – which sets out the Commission's vision for advancing negotiations in relation to maritime emissions, highlighting the preference and suitability of global solutions developed by the IMO. Discussions on the legislative proposal on the MRV are under way in the preparatory bodies of the Council.

Based on the commitment from the 2009 Energy and Climate Package to take action against further growing greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, on 28 June 2013, the Commission presented a proposal for setting up a system to monitor, report and verify (MRV) CO₂ emissions from maritime transport. The proposal was accompanied by a Communication setting out a vision for integrating maritime transport emissions in the EU's greenhouse gas reduction policies – in line with the White Paper on Transport.

As outlined in the accompanying Communication, this should be complemented by a debate on the necessary reductions to be achieved by the sector (targets) and the most appropriate measures in doing so (emission reduction measures – efficiency standards and/or market-based measures). In line with its commitment and engagement in the multi-lateral international discussions to agree on a global framework for reducing GHG emissions from shipping, the Commission proposal provides detailed information in relation to the setting up of an MRV system, and the adaptation of the proposed EU system to any relevant decision to be taken by the IMO.

In this respect, the Commission has initiated an international dialogue between key partners to develop a common understanding and approach towards developing further measures to reduce GHG emissions from international shipping to complement the 2011 IMO agreement on the establishment of an Energy Efficiency Design Index for new ships.
