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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**ADDENDUM TO “I/A” ITEM NOTE**

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From : General Secretariat  
To : Coreper

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Subject : Preparation of the 11th meeting of the OTIF General Assembly (Geneva, 19-20  
September 2012)  
- Coordination of the EU position

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Delegations will find attached two statements by the Commission on the above-mentioned subject,  
to be included in the Coreper's minutes.

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**STATEMENTS BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

on the preparation of the 11th meeting of the OTIF General Assembly (Geneva, 19-20 September 2012) - Coordination of the EU position

"1. The Commission considers that the absence of a reference to competence for certain agenda items shall not be interpreted as recognition by the Commission of the competence of the Member States for that item. When the EU is party, with the Member States, to one organisation, it also has the right to make statements in relation to its organisational issues, as this is an element of the participation in the functioning of the organisation".

"2. As regards item 12 of the OTIF General Assembly on the election of the Secretary General for the period 2013-2015, and concerning EU coordination, the Commission prefers that a single EU candidate is supported who would engage in a constructive approach towards the EU."

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