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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons
= Statement

Statement by the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom fully supports the aims and objectives of the proposal for a Directive laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, and believes that the proposal will lead to significant improvements in safety.

However, the United Kingdom believes that the final adoption of a delegated act is disproportionate and that an implementing act would be more appropriate given that the issue at stake is the implementation of international standards, and not the supplementation or amendment of a non-essential part of the legislation. Consequently, the United Kingdom is abstaining against the Directive laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels.