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1. On 10 March 2005 the Commission transmitted to the Council a recommendation with a view to agreeing negotiating guidelines for the negotiation of the provisions of the draft Maritime Labour Standards Convention in the context of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
2. The Council adopted on that basis on 21 April a Decision to that effect ¹ and noted that the Shipping Working Party would "have at one of its future meetings a further look on the second element of the recommendation concerning a possible "participation clause for Regional Economic Integration Organisations"."

¹ Doc 8034/05 MAR 60 SOC 161 RESTREINT.

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3. Consequently, the Shipping Working Party debated the question at its meeting on 17 May 2005. This debate turned out to be inconclusive for lack of an initial political input. It was accordingly decided to submit a question to the Committee of Permanent Representatives and, in the event of an affirmative answer, to pursue the examination at the technical level afterwards.
4. The Committee is therefore invited to answer the following question:

Whereas:

- The draft consolidated maritime convention presently negotiated in the framework of the ILO is an important subject with regard to its social, safety and political content;
- There are issues of Community competence (both exclusive and mixed) concerned by the draft convention;
- A classical Regional Economic Integration Organisation (REIO) clause is not possible in the ILO framework as only participating States can be contracting parties to the convention; but an alternative role for REIOs in the implementation of the convention could be envisaged;

Does the Committee consider it politically appropriate to include a reference to the potential role of REIOs in implementing the future consolidated maritime convention into the text of the convention ?
