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Subject: Proposal for a Council decision on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union at the International Maritime Organization during the 98th session of the Maritime Safety Committee and the 71st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee on the adoption of amendments to SOLAS Regulation II-1/23, SOLAS Regulation II-2/9.4.1.3, the 1994 and 2000 High Speed Craft Codes, the International Life-saving Appliance Code and to Appendix V of MARPOL Annex VI

- Adoption
- = Statement by the Commission

Delegations will find attached a statement by the Commission to the minutes of the Permanent Representatives Committee and the Council.

Statement by the Commission

In so far as the relevant amendments to SOLAS Regulation II-2/9.4.1.3 and the amendments to paragraph 8.10.1.4 of the 1994 High Speed Craft Code and to paragraph 8.10.1.6 of the 2000 High Speed Craft Code are concerned, their adoption at the IMO affects existing Union legislation. Therefore, these amendments fall within the exclusive external competence of the Union. Consequently, the Union position established in respect of those amendments cannot be limited in scope and must therefore be understood as covering them in their entirety, without prejudice to Article 2(2) TFEU.
