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"I/A" ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Council

Subject: Draft Commission Regulation (EU) No .../.. of XXX laying down detailed rules for the imposition of fines and periodic penalty payments and the withdrawal of recognition of ship inspection and survey organisations pursuant to Articles 6 and 7 of Regulation (EC) n° 391/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council

Delegations will find attached statements by Denmark and by the Netherlands.

STATEMENT BY DENMARK

Denmark underlines the importance of evaluation of the proposal. Denmark recalls that the Commission at the meeting of the Committee on Safe Seas (COSS) on February 13th 2014 indicated its willingness to evaluate the effect of the proposal after a certain period of time. Taking this into account, Denmark urges the Commission to honour its commitment to undertake such an evaluation.

STATEMENT BY THE NETHERLANDS

The Netherlands still has concerns regarding the possible future consequences in the light of EU recognised organisations' work for non-EU flags and possible financial risks that may lead them to consider an opt out of being EU recognised organisations.
