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From: Presidency
To: Council

Subject: Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing the Shift2Rail Joint
Undertaking
- Information from the Presidency

Delegations will find annexed information from the Presidency on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 5 June 2014.

The Hellenic Presidency would like to provide some information concerning the proposal on the establishment of the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking.

The proposed Council Regulation, which will create the Shift2Rail Joint Undertaking, was a key priority of the Hellenic Presidency.

This legislation, which is part of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, is an important instrument to develop an EU coordinated approach on Research & Innovation in the rail sector. It will help to ensure that the EU retains its leadership in the rail supply industry. It will also support the development of the Single European Railway Area, as it will lead to a more competitive and resource-efficient EU transport system.

The Presidency, in collaboration with all delegations and the Commission, worked hard to obtain an adoption of the Council position on this file at the TTE Council on 14 March 2014.

In its opinion issued on 15 April 2014, the European Parliament fully shared the assessment made by the Council that the proposed Regulation on Shift2Rail is an important tool for improving competitiveness in the rail sector.

Therefore, this file is now ready for adoption.

However, due to a slight postponement of the legal-linguistic revision of this text, the Presidency had to slightly modify our initial will to adopt this text today.

The Hellenic Presidency would like to inform delegations that, following the completion of the legal-linguistic revision, which is under way, the file will be submitted for adoption at the Council session on 16 June 2014 (Agripêche), as an "A" point.