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Subject:	Council Implementing Decision authorising Sweden to apply a reduced rate of taxation on electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port in accordance with Article 19 of Directive 2003/96/EC - Adoption

1. On 30 July 2014 the Commission transmitted to the Council the abovementioned proposal for a Council Implementing Decision. The aim of the Decision is to allow Sweden to apply a reduced tax rate on electricity directly provided to vessels at berth in a port. The exemption is meant to provide an economic incentive for the use of shore-side electricity in order to reduce air pollution in port cities.
2. At its meeting on 22 September 2014 the Working Party on Tax Questions (Energy Taxation) examined the Commission proposal and introduced a small technical adjustment by adapting and moving a sentence from Article 2 to the recital part of the proposal. No reservations have been recorded.
3. It is therefore suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to adopt as an "A" item the abovementioned Implementing Decision, as finalised by the Lawyer Linguists and set out in doc. 13496/14.