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from: General Secretariat of the Council
to: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part I)

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Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE implementing the European Agreement concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport
– *Decision to use the written procedure for adoption*

1. On 7 July 2014, the Commission, acting in accordance with Article 155(2) TFEU, submitted a proposal¹ to the Council with the aim of giving legal effect to the European Agreement concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport. This sectorial EU-level social partner agreement introduces specific minimum rules governing working time for mobile workers on passenger or cargo transport crafts in commercial inland waterway transport across the EU.

¹ 11688/14 + ADD 1 + ADD 2 + ADD 3.

2. On 11 December 2014, the Council (EPSCO) reached political agreement on the text of the proposal², subject to legal-linguistic revision, which has now been finalised.
3. Since there is no Council meeting after the meeting of the Permanent Representatives Committee on 17 December allowing for the adoption and publication of the legal act in the Official Journal before the end of this year, the Committee is invited to decide to use the written procedure for adopting the draft Council Directive, pursuant to Article 12 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.
4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited:
 - to recommend the Council to adopt the text of the Proposal for a COUNCIL DIRECTIVE implementing the European Agreement concluded by the European Barge Union (EBU), the European Skippers Organisation (ESO) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time in inland waterway transport as set out in doc. 16587/14;
 - to agree on the use of the written procedure to that effect.

² 16031/14 ADD1.