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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of a Protocol amending the Agreement on Maritime Transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union <i>- Adoption</i>

1. The Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part¹ (the "Agreement") entered into force on 1 March 2008.
2. In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, Croatia is to accede to the Agreement by way of a protocol between the Council and the People's Republic of China.
3. On 14 September 2012, the Commission was authorised by the Council to negotiate a Protocol amending the Agreement (the "Protocol") in order to take account of the accession of Croatia to the European Union.
4. The Protocol was initialled in Brussels on 20 June 2014.

¹ OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 25.

5. The purpose of this proposal for a Council Decision is to authorise the signing of the Protocol.
6. The Commission submitted the proposal to the Council on 14 November 2014.
7. The Shipping Working Party examined the proposal on 12 December 2014. Delegations made no comments on the proposal.
8. The text of the draft Council Decision on the signing of the Protocol has now been prepared by the Council Legal Linguist Services².
9. Following the examination of the text, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the draft Council Decision and to transmit it to the Council for adoption.

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