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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, of the 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

COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2015/...

of ...

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and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part,
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of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Croatia, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament^{1*},

¹ OJ C

* OJ: Please insert the OJ reference in the footnote above or, if not yet published, 'Consent of ... (not yet published in the Official Journal).'

Whereas:

- (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 Union.
- (4) In accordance with Decision 2015/.../EU^{2*}, the Protocol was signed in Brussels on
- (5) The Protocol should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

¹ OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 25.

² Council Decision of ... on the signing, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, of the 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 (OJ L ...).

* OJ: Please insert the number and publication reference for the decision in document st 5081/15 and insert the date of signature.

Article 1

The 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 is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and of the Member States.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.*

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, the notification provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol¹.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council

The President

* Delegations: see document st5880/15.

¹ The date of entry into force of the Protocol will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* by the General Secretariat of the Council.