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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Council  
Subject: **Any other business**  
World Maritime Days (Szczecin, June 2018)  
– Information from the Polish delegation

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Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the Polish delegation on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 5 December 2017.

In June 2018, Poland will host the IMO World Maritime Days. This is the most important maritime event of the United Nations. The theme for next year's event will be "IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Navigation for a Better Future." In 2018, we mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the International Maritime Organization – IMO. It is a specialized agency of the United Nations, which deals with maritime affairs, maritime safety, international shipping and the prevention of pollution of the marine environment. The World Maritime Days will be celebrated in Szczecin – the capital of the West Pomeranian region of Poland.

Parallel to the World Maritime Days in Szczecin, there will be the International Maritime Congress – the largest and most important maritime event in Poland. Each year, in June, the capital of Western Pomerania becomes the maritime capital of Europe and, while hosting the IMO World Maritime Days, will become a world maritime capital for several days. The event is addressed both to the Ministers for Transport and Maritime Affairs and other representatives of maritime administrations from around the world as well as business partners and scientists.

We would like to warmly invite all shipping and maritime affairs ministers from across the European Union to Poland in June 2018. The 2018 World Maritime Days in Poland will provide an excellent opportunity to meet and discuss the issues of maritime and inland navigation and the maritime challenges of the 21st century.

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