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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union within the Ministerial Council set up under the Treaty establishing the Transport Community as regards the seat of the Permanent Secretariat

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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2017/...**

**of ...**

**on the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union  
within the Ministerial Council set up under the Treaty  
establishing the Transport Community  
as regards the seat of the Permanent Secretariat**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91 and Article 100(2), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Following Council Decision (EU) 2017/1937<sup>1</sup>, the European Union has signed the Treaty establishing the Transport Community<sup>2</sup> ('the TCT').
- (2) The TCT is applied on a provisional basis in accordance with Article 41(3) thereof, pending its entry into force.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 21(d) of the TCT, the Ministerial Council set up under the TCT is to decide on the seat of the Permanent Secretariat.
- (4) It is appropriate to establish the position to be adopted on the Union's behalf in the Ministerial Council, as the Decision on the seat of the Permanent Secretariat will be binding on the Union.
- (5) It is appropriate to support Belgrade as the seat of the Permanent Secretariat. This choice is largely supported by the South East European Parties and, Belgrade being situated within the territory of one of those Parties, is amenable to contribute to the successful implementation of the TCT.
- (6) The position of the Union within the Ministerial Council should therefore be based on the attached draft Decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

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<sup>1</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2017/1937 of 11 July 2017 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community (OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 278, 27.10.2017, p. 3.

*Article 1*

The position to be adopted on the Union's behalf within the Ministerial Council as regards the seat of the Permanent Secretariat shall be based on the draft Decision of the Ministerial Council attached to this Decision.

Minor changes to the draft Decision may be agreed upon by the representatives of the Union in the Ministerial Council without further decision of the Council.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Commission.

Done at Brussels,

*For the Council*

*The President*

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**DECISION No. 1/2017**  
**OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY**

**of ...**

**on the seat of the Permanent Secretariat**

THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF THE TRANSPORT COMMUNITY,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the Transport Community, and in particular Article 21(d) thereof,

Whereas:

(1) [...],

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Sole Article*

The Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community shall have its seat in Belgrade.

Done at [Brussels], on ... .

*For the Ministerial Council*

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