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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 position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 55th session of the Organisation for International Carriage by Rail Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods as regards certain amendments to Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail as applicable from 1 January 2019 – Adoption

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission submitted to the Council on 9 March 2018 the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision regarding the position of the European Union at the 55<sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods.
2. The experts will meet in Berne, Switzerland, on 30 May 2018. The rules to be adopted at the meeting will enter into force on 1 January 2019.
3. The Union has acceded to the *Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF)* in 2011 by virtue of Council Decision 2013/103/EU of 16 June 2011.

## II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. The Working Party on Land Transport examined in its meeting on 27 March 2018 the proposal by the Commission. The Working Party supported the draft Decision, but noted linguistic issues to be verified in two language versions of the Commission proposal.

## III. CONCLUSIONS

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to endorse the draft Decision and to submit for adoption by the Council on 23 May 2018, as presented in document 7209/18, revised by the lawyer-linguists.
  6. Once the Decision has been adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about it.
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