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Subject: Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community as regards certain personnel matters in relation to the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community

– Adoption

1. On 3 December 2018 the European Commission submitted a proposal for a Council decision on taking a position on behalf of the European Union within the EU-Western Balkan Transport Community's Regional Steering Committee in respect of certain budgetary and personnel matters. As regards staff matters, the proposal intends to prepare decisions on recruitment procedures for the top management, on staff regulations, and on the profile and selection process relating to the top management.

2. The working group on land transport examined the proposal on 7 December 2018, and in an *ad hoc* meeting of attachés on 12 December 2018. Agreement was reached to advance the adoption of the decision in respect of the 2019 budget of the Transport Community in order to secure the necessary EU funds by the end of 2018. The Council adopted this part of the EU position on 19 December 2018.¹
3. On 10 January 2019, the working party examined the part of the proposal relating to staff matters. The Commission representative provided clarifications concerning certain social rights that will be granted to the Secretariat's staff under the draft Staff Regulations, and provided an outlook on the envisaged recruitment process for the Director and his Deputie(s), following an interim management period at the Secretariat of the Transport Community which should not last longer than half a year. General agreement was reached.
4. Following the working group meeting, the Presidency circulated a technical update of the proposal in respect of the decision on an EU position on staff matters.²
5. In light of this, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee recommends that the Council, at a forthcoming session,
 - adopts the decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community Treaty as regards certain staff matters in relation to the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Transport Community, as set out, after lawyer-linguistic revision, in document 5397/19.

The European Parliament will be informed about this decision.

¹ See OJ L 1, 3.1.2019, p. 1.

² See document ST 5474/19.