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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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Subject:	Draft 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 – Adoption

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#### CONTEXT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. The Commission submitted the above proposal to the Council on 14 November 2014.
2. 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<sup>1</sup> (the "Agreement") entered into force on 1 March 2008.
3. 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.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 46, 21.2.2008, p. 25.

4. 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 European Union.
5. The Protocol was initialled in Brussels on 20 June 2014.
6. On 2 March 2015, the Council adopted a decision authorising the signature of the Protocol.
7. The Protocol was signed in Brussels on 21 December 2018.

#### **WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL**

8. The Shipping Working Party examined the proposal on 12 December 2014. Delegations made no comments on the proposal.
9. On 14 September 2015, the Council agreed in principle on the draft Council Decision, as revised by the legal-linguistic services, and decided to transmit it to the European Parliament for consent.
10. On 7 January 2019, the Council requested the consent of the European Parliament.

#### **WORK WITHIN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**

11. On 9 December 2014, the responsible Parliament committee, the Committee for Transport and Tourism, appointed Mr Francisco Assis (S&D-Portugal) as rapporteur.
12. On 12 March 2019, the Parliament decided to give its consent to the draft Council Decision.

#### **CONCLUSION**

13. The Permanent Representatives Committee/Council are invited to adopt the Decision as set out in documents 5083/15 and 5880/15, prepared by the legal-linguistic experts.