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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on the application of Articles 93, 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of State aid in the rail, inland waterway and multimodal transport sector <i>- Adoption</i>

1. On 6 July 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council the proposal for a Council Regulation on the application of Articles 93, 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to certain categories of State aid in the rail, inland waterway, and multimodal transport sector¹.
2. The objective of this proposal is to allow the Commission to exempt certain types of State aid measures from the regular notification procedure by a future Block Exemption Regulation.
3. The Competition Working Party analysed the proposal during its meetings of 08 September 2022 and 26 September 2022, resulting in some limited amendments to the initial proposal.
4. The European Parliament provided its opinion on 13 December 2022.

¹ Doc. 11552/22.

5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council, as an "A" item in one of its next sessions:
- to adopt the Council Decision as revised by the lawyer-linguists and set out in document 13068/22.
 - to request publication of the Decision in the Official Journal of the European Union for information.
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