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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2003/25/EC as regards the inclusion of improved stability requirements and the alignment of that Directive with the stability requirements defined by the International Maritime Organization **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 18 February 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 100(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 May 2022².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 14 March 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ Docs 6405/22 + ADD 1 and 2.

² OJ C 323, 26.8.2022, p. 119.

³ Doc. 7432/23.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 76/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
