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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	EU-Western Balkans Transport Community Treaty Appointment of senior management to the Permanent Secretariat <i>- Establishment of the EU position</i>

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 17 April 2023, the Commission informed the Council about its intention, and reasons, to propose to the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) of the Transport Community to renew the terms of office of the Director and Deputy Director for another three years¹.
2. The Director's and Deputy Director's current terms of office expire end of July and end of August 2023, respectively. The Council approved the Union position in favour of the pre-selected candidates for those positions on 5 March 2020.²
3. The RSC is responsible for appointing the Director after consultation of the Transport Community's Ministerial Council; it is also responsible for appointing a Deputy Director (Article 30 of the Transport Community Treaty). The Commission submitted its information note in view of the RSC's upcoming consultation of the Ministerial Council, and in

¹ Commission information note, ST 8327/23.

² ST 6083/23.

preparation of the RSC's vote on appointments, probably during a regular meeting in June 2023.

II. WORK AT THE PREPARATORY BODY

4. The Commission presented the draft Union position in the Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks in its meeting on 21 April 2023. The Commission representative informed delegations about initial contacts it had taken on the matter with the regional members of the RSC. No delegation expressed concerns in respect of the draft Union position. The Presidency concluded that the Union position was ready for approval.

III. CONCLUSIONS

5. With a view to establishing a Union position for a forthcoming meeting of the Regional Steering Committee of the Transport Community, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that Council approves the renewal of terms of office for another three years of the Director, Mr Matej ZAKONJŠEK, and of the Deputy Director, Ms Ljuba SILJANOSKA, within the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community.