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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the 58 <sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts for the Carriage of Dangerous Goods of the Intergovernmental Organisation for International Carriage by Rail as regards the amendment of Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail – Adoption

1. On 13 March 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for the above-mentioned Decision. The proposal aims to support, within the Organisation for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF) Committee of Experts for the Transport of Dangerous Goods, the approval of certain technical amendments to the Regulation concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID), forming Appendix C to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF).
2. Such amendments are envisaged every two years in order to update the rules in force in the light of scientific and technical progress; they are the result of complex international coordination involving experts from other international road transport and inland waterway transport forums.

3. The 58<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee of Experts will take place in Bern, Switzerland, on 23 May 2024. The rules to be adopted at the meeting will enter into force on 1 January 2025.
  4. In its meeting on 19 March 2024, the Working Party on Land Transport examined and endorsed the proposal presented by the Commission.
  5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the draft Decision as set out in the document ST 7991/24, revised by the lawyer-linguists, and its addendum 1, and to submit it to the Council for adoption.
  6. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed about the Council Decision.
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