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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the European Committee for drawing up Standards in the field of Inland Navigation and in the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine on the adoption of standards in inland navigation – Adoption

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 3 September 2024, the Commission transmitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal concerns the establishment of the Union position at the plenary session of the European Committee for drawing up standards in inland navigation (CESNI) on 17 October 2024 and at the plenary session of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine (CCNR) on 5 December 2024 in connection with the envisaged adoption of the European Standards laying down Technical Requirements for Inland Navigation vessels (ES-TRIN 2025/1) and the European Standard for River Information Services (ES-RIS 2025/1).

3. Both ES-TRIN 2025/1 and ES-RIS 2025/1 are acts having legal effects and are capable of decisively influencing the content of EU legislation, namely: Directive (EU) 2016/1629¹ and Directive 2005/44/EC².
4. CESNI was created on 3 June 2015 in the framework of the CCNR in order to develop technical standards for inland waterways in various fields, in particular as regards vessels, information technology and crew.
5. CCNR is an international organisation with regulatory competences for inland navigation transport matters on the Rhine. Four EU Member States (Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands) and Switzerland are parties to the CCNR. The Union is not a party to the CCNR.

II. WORK WITHIN THE COUNCIL PREPARATORY BODIES

6. The proposal was examined by the Shipping Working Party at its meetings on 17 and 23 September 2024. At this last meeting, delegations expressed general support for the Presidency compromise proposal, which aligned the text with previous Council decisions for CESNI and CCNR, as far as relevant.
7. Following agreement reached at working party level, the text of the draft Council Decision was revised by the Council's legal-linguistic services.

¹ Directive (EU) 2016/1629 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 September 2016 laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels, amending Directive 2009/100/EC and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC (OJ L 252, 16.9.2016, p. 118).

² Directive 2005/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 September 2005 on harmonised river information services (RIS) on inland waterways in the Community (OJ L 255, 30.9.2005, p. 152).

III. ACTION REQUESTED OF THE COMMITTEE

8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to examine and approve the draft Council Decision, as contained in document ST 13615/24, prepared by the legal-linguistic services, and transmit it to the Council for adoption.
 9. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU.
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