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Delegations will find attached the opinion of the Consultative Working Party of Legal Services regarding the above mentioned subject.



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OPINION

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
THE COUNCIL
THE COMMISSION

Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (codification)
COM(2020) 739 final of 18.11.2020 - 2020/0329 (COD)

Having regard to the Interinstitutional Agreement of 20 December 1994 on an accelerated working method for official codification of legislative texts, and in particular to point 4 thereof, the Consultative Working Party consisting of the respective legal services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission met on 15 December 2020 and 14 January 2021 for the purpose of examining the aforementioned proposal submitted by the Commission.

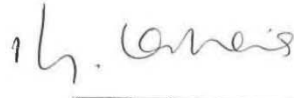
At those meetings¹, an examination of the proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council codifying Directive 2008/106/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 November 2008 on the minimum level of training of seafarers resulted in the Consultative Working Party's establishing, by common accord, as follows.

1. In point (d) of Article 19, in the place of the final words '*in a common working language(s)*' the expression '*in (a) common working language(s)*', currently contained in point (d) of Article 18 of Directive 2008/106/EC, should be reinstated.
2. In Article 23(1), the adding of the article '*a*' before the words '*valid dispensation*' should have been identified with adaptation arrows.
3. In Article 29(2), the reference made to '*Annex V*' should be replaced by a reference to '*Annex III*'.

In consequence, examination of the proposal has enabled the Consultative Working Party to conclude, without dissent, that the proposal is a straightforward codification of existing texts, without any change in their substance.


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¹ The Consultative Working Party worked on the basis of the English language version of the proposal, being the master-copy language version of the text under discussion.