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

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022 (the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships")
- Adoption

1. The United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022 (the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships"). The Commission then submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of this Convention, which was adopted on 21 December 2023¹.
2. The European Union signed the "Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sale of Ships" on 14 March 2024.

¹ Council Decision (EU) 2024/414 of 21 December 2023 on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 7 December 2022, OJ L, 2024/414, 29.1.2024, ELI:
<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/414/oj>

3. On 24 July 2025, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships, accompanied by a Declaration laying out the competences of the European Union , at the time of conclusion.
4. The proposal was examined by the Working Party on Civil Law Matters on 17 September and 10 October and endorsed, as modified, to take into account a number of necessary adjustments.
5. The text of the Convention is available as document 15716/23 INIT + REV 1, in all languages.
6. The Council on 27 November 2025 confirmed that there was agreement in principle on the text of the proposed Decision and decided to transmit to the European Parliament the draft text of the Decision in order to obtain the consent of the European Parliament.
7. The European Parliament delivered its consent on 26 March 2026.
8. In light of the above, and subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is invited to:
 - adopt the Decision on the conclusion of the Beijing Convention on the Judicial Sales of Ships, as finalised by the legal-linguistic experts (14882/25), and
 - to approve the text of the relevant declaration of competences to be submitted by the European Commission when depositing the instrument of approval on behalf of the European Union (14882/25 ADD 1).