

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM
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Subject: Council's position in view of the adoption of a Directive of the European parliament and of the Council laying down technical requirements for inland waterway vessels and repealing Directive 2006/87/EC (2013/0302(COD)) - Early second reading agreement

Dear Mr Kingma,

I understand that at its meeting of 23 March 2016 COREPER decided to accept the result of the last informal trilogue held on 17 March 2016 in the European Parliament regarding the abovementioned Directive.

I would like to inform you that should the Council transmit formally to the Parliament its position in the form as it stands in the annex, I will, in my capacity as Chair of the Committee on Transport and Tourism, recommend to the Plenary that the Council's position be accepted without amendment, subject to legal-linguistic verification, at Parliament's second reading.

At the same time, I would like to thank the Dutch Presidency for the efforts made and the work accomplished to achieve an early second reading agreement on this file.

Yours sincerely,



Michael CRAMER

Annex: Text agreed