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Mr. Brian Simpson

Chairman, European Parliament Committee on Transport and Tourism
1047 Brussels.

Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EC) No 718/1999 on a Community-fleet capacity policy to promote inland waterway transport (First reading) (2013/0303/COD)

Dear Mr Simpson,

Following the informal meeting between the representatives of the three institutions, a draft overall compromise package was agreed today by the Permanent Representatives Committee.

I am therefore now in a position to confirm that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294 paragraph 3 of the Treaty, in the form set out in the compromise package contained in the Annex to this letter (subject to revision by the legal linguists of both institutions), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

On behalf of the Council I also wish to thank you for your close cooperation which should enable us to reach agreement on this dossier at first reading.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas PASTAVROU
Chairman of the Permanent Representatives
Committee (Part 1)

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