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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 100(2), in conjunction with point (a) of Article 218(6) thereof,

Having regard to the Act of Accession of Croatia, and in particular Article 6(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Having regard to the consent of the European Parliament[(1)],

Whereas:

(1) The Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part[(2)] (the 'Agreement') entered into force on 1 March 2008.

(2) In accordance with Article 6(2) of the Act of Accession of Croatia, Croatia is to accede to the Agreement by way of a protocol between the Council and the People's Republic of China.

(3) On 14 September 2012, the Commission was authorised by the Council to negotiate a Protocol amending the Agreement (the 'Protocol') in order to take account of the accession of Croatia to the Union.

(4) In accordance with Decision (EU) 2019/658[(3)], the Protocol was signed in Brussels on 21 December 2018.

(5) The Protocol should be approved,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Protocol amending the Agreement on maritime transport between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the government of the People's Republic of China, of the other part, to take account of the accession of the Republic

Changes to legislation: *There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Council Decision (EU) 2019/659. (See end of Document for details)*

of Croatia to the European Union is hereby approved on behalf of the Union and of the Member States.

The text of the Protocol is attached to this Decision.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give, on behalf of the Union and of the Member States, the notification provided for in Article 3 of the Protocol[4].

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, 8 April 2019.

For the Council

The President

F. MOGHERINI