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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Whereas:

(1) The European Sustainable Shipping Forum ("ESSF") was set up by Commission Decision C(2013) 5984 and its mandate will expire on 31 December 2015.

(2) The ESSF is a cooperation platform, where Member States and organisations assist the Commission to implement the Union's activities and programmes aimed at fostering sustainable maritime transport. The ESSF has proven to be an effective and efficient tool for supporting sustainable maritime transport. It is therefore desirable to extend the duration of the current mandate of the ESSF for a new period of thirty months.

(3) Bearing in mind the various aspects of sustainability to be covered, and the significant interest demonstrated by relevant organisations who did not apply to the first call for membership, it is desirable to increase the total number of participants in the Forum, by appointing eight additional members. As a result, the Forum should comprise representatives of the 28 Member States’ transport and/or environmental authorities and 40 representatives of public and/or private organisations. A new public call for participation will be launched by the Director-General for Mobility and Transport in accordance with Article 4(3) of Decision C(2013) 5984.

(4) Decision C(2013) 5984 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Sole Article

Decision C(2013) 5984 is amended as follows:

(1) In Article 4, paragraphs 1 to 3 are replaced by the following:

1. The ESSF shall be composed of a maximum of 68 members.

2. The members of the ESSF shall be:

a) Member States' maritime transport authorities and/or environmental authorities;

b) Public and/or private organisations active in the following maritime transport related areas (up to 40 organisations):

(i) ship owning, management and operations (up to 5 organisations);

(ii) short sea shipping (up to 5 organisations);
(iii) maritime transport use and services provision (up to 3 organisations);
(iv) sea ports management and administrations (up to 3 organisations);
(v) terminal management and operations (up to 3 organisations);
(vi) shipbuilding and marine equipment (up to 5 organisations);
(vii) ship safety and environment protection, including emission monitoring (up to 5 organisations);
(viii) research and innovation (up to 3 organisations);
(ix) investment and financing (up to 3 organisations);
(x) energy and fuel supply (up to 3 organisations); and
(xi) technical standardisation (up to 3 organisations).
3. Member States' authorities referred to in point a) of paragraph 2 shall nominate their representatives. Members referred to in point b) of paragraph 2 will be appointed by the Director General of the Directorate General for Mobility and Transport following an open call for applications."

(2). Article 7 is replaced by the following:
"This decision shall apply until 30 June 2018."

Done at Brussels, 7.1.2016

For the Commission
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Member of the Commission