Minimum level of training of seafarers. Recast

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The Committee on Transport and Tourism adopted the report by Rodi **KRATSA-TSAGAROPOULOU** (EPP-ED, EL) amending, under 1st reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the minimum level of training of seafarers (recast).

An amendment stipulates that Member States should take and enforce specific measures to prevent and penalise fraudulent practices associated with certificates of competency as well as pursue their efforts within the IMO to achieve strict and enforceable agreements on the worldwide combating of such practices. A further amendment clarifies that the European Maritime Safety Agency should assist the Commission in verifying that Member States comply with the requirements laid down in this Directive.

A number of ‘technical’ amendments are also proposed to take into account the points contained in the note of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of Parliament, the Council and the Commission and in the letter/opinion of the Committee on Legal Affairs.