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(Text with EEA relevance)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE DELEGATED ACT

Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU contains indicative maps for certain neighbouring countries with which the EU has a close cooperation on transport issues (Iceland and Norway (EFTA), Switzerland (Land transport agreement), Western Balkans (SEETO), Turkey (candidate country)).

The Regulation provides for the possibility to adopt delegated acts to include maps of further neighbouring countries, based on high-level agreements on transport infrastructure networks between the Union and the neighbouring countries concerned.

In the framework of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics (NDPTL, on 21 November 2012) and the Eastern Partnership (on 9 October 2013), such agreements have been found for the following countries: Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan.

Adding indicative maps for the neighbouring countries will allow to better target EU cooperation with the countries concerned, and in particular the financial support for these countries.

2. CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF THE ACT

The Commission has consulted experts of Member States' competent authorities and representatives of the European Parliament in meetings of 26 September 2013 and of 7 November 2013. The maps have been part of the respective agreements with the neighbouring countries and have been in that context presented in the Council.

3. LEGAL ELEMENTS OF THE DELEGATED ACT

The delegated act adds further indicative maps of third countries to the Annex III of the Regulation.

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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

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

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network and repealing Decision No 661/2010/EU¹, and in particular Article 49(6) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 provides for the possibility to add indicative maps of the trans-European transport network extended to specific neighbouring countries based on high-level agreements on transport infrastructure networks between the Union and the neighbouring countries concerned.
- (2) A high-level agreement between the Union, Russia and Belarus has been reached in the framework of the Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics (NDPTL) on 21 November 2012. A high level agreement between the Union and Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan has been reached in the framework of the Eastern Partnership on 9 October 2013.
- (3) Adding indicative maps of the transport networks, connected to the networks defined in Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013, would allow to better target the Union cooperation with the third countries in question.
- (4) The high-level agreements with the neighbouring countries concern the lines of the railway and road networks, as well as the ports, airports and rail-road terminals. The status of the railways and roads in terms of completion of the infrastructure was not part of the agreements. Therefore, the railways and roads were presented in the context of the high-level agreements as "completed",

¹ OJ L 348, 20.12.2013, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Delegated Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 17.1.2014

For the Commission
The President
José Manuel BARROSO