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From: General Secretariat of the Council

To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)

Subject: Draft high-level agreements within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) N° 1315/2013 (TEN-T regulation) concerning adapted indicative maps of neighbouring countries, to be signed on behalf of the European Union with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

- Decision to use the written procedure for the approval of the signature on behalf of the European Union

1. On 20 November 2017 the Council authorized the Commission to open negotiations on one or several high-level agreements between the EU and the Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) on transport infrastructure networks with a view to adopting, following the signature of that non-binding instrument, a delegated act, which will adapt the existing indicative maps of neighbouring countries within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation).¹
2. On 21 November, the Commission presented the draft high-level agreements to the Shipping Working Party to which the members of the Intermodal Working Party had also been invited.

¹ doc. 14385/1/17 REV 1.

3. During the Working Party on 21 November, no objections were raised by any delegation to approve the signature of the draft high-level agreements with the said neighbouring countries.
4. It is envisaged that the high-level agreements will be signed during the Eastern Partnership Summit on 24 November 2017.
5. In light of the foregoing and given that the next Council meeting will be held only on 30 November, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) is invited to
 - to suggest to the Council to approve the signature, on behalf of the European Union, of the high-level agreements, as set out in doc. 14531/17, and
 - to decide to use of the written procedure for the Council approval of the signature of the draft high-level agreements on behalf of the EU.
