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Subject: **WRITTEN PROCEDURE WITH REPLY BY TUESDAY, 7 May 2019 AT 12:00 BY EMAIL TO TRANSPORT@CONSILIUM.EUROPA.EU**
Joint declaration (on behalf of the EU) on regional transport cooperation within the Eastern Partnership
- authorisation to open negotiations
= start of the written procedure

At its meeting on 2 May 2019, the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed with the Commission's intention to enter into negotiations with the countries of the Eastern Partnership in order to prepare a joint declaration on transport cooperation for the EaP Transport Ministerial Meeting on 6 June 2019, as set out in document ST 8779/1/19 REV 1. The Committee decided to make use of the written procedure for Council's authorisation (by consensus) of these negotiations.

Therefore, **all delegations** are invited to **expressly state** if they agree :

- to authorise the Commission to enter into negotiations with the countries of the Eastern Partnership, as outlined in document ST 8779/1/19 REV 1, in order to prepare a joint declaration on transport cooperation for the EaP Transport Ministerial Meeting on 6 June 2019.

Please answer by "YES", "NO", or "ABSTAIN".

It is being understood that the Commission will, after negotiation with the third countries, revert to Council to seek prior authorisation for the EU's participation in the declaration.

Any unilateral statements must be made separately.

Replies must reach the General Secretariat of the Council **by 12h00 on 7 May 2019** and should be sent by email to **transport@consilium.europa.eu**
