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#### **Statement by the Commission**

The Commission regrets that the original dates foreseen in the proposal for the Government-to-Government exchanges were not retained by the co-legislators, and that this will reduce the capacity of the Union to deliver on its commitments under the Green Deal for the management of ozone depleting substances and control and reduction of fluorinated greenhouse gases to prevent climate-relevant emissions. However, given the significant impact on customs of major current and past events the Commission understands that Member States are facing great pressure. At the same time, the Commission acknowledges that some Member States are already interconnected to the EU Customs Single Window - Certificate Exchange System (EU CSW-CERTEX), and some have asked for the possibility to interconnect before 2025. Therefore, notwithstanding the deadlines listed in the Annex, the Commission strongly encourages all Member States to take all the necessary steps to interconnect as soon as possible.