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To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	High-level agreement between the EU, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine for the adaptation of the indicative maps of neighbouring countries within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation) - Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

1. On 16 December 2022, the Working Party on Transport - Intermodal Questions and Networks was informed by the Commission in a note¹ of its intention to start negotiations on a high level agreement between the EU, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine on transport infrastructure networks with a view to adopting, after signature of this non-binding instrument, a delegated act that will adapt the existing indicative maps of the two countries within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation).
2. The planned act aims to modify indicative maps related to the road and rail infrastructure of both the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine on their territory, with a view to strengthening cross-border connectivity.

¹ ST 16176/22

3. The Commission presented its note and its intention on this subject to the Working Party on 9 January 2023. No objections were raised by any delegation to authorising the Commission to start the negotiations.
 4. Furthermore, it is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's authorisation for the signature of the high-level agreement on behalf of the EU.
 5. In the light of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council authorise the Commission to negotiate the abovementioned high-level agreement between the EU, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine.
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