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

1. On 30 January 2023, the Council authorised the Commission to open negotiations¹ on a high-level agreement between the EU and Ukraine and between the EU and the Republic of Moldova 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).
2. Subsequently, the Commission presented the texts of the high-level agreements and the draft maps, as negotiated, to the Working Party on Transport – Intermodal Questions and Networks on 15 September 2023. At this Working Party, one Member State requested modifications which aimed to better reflect the importance of the railway connection between Lublin-Dorohusk-Korosten-Kiev.

¹ ST 5213/23.

3. Consequently, the Commission reopened the negotiations which have been concluded successfully, and which take into account the change requested at the Working Party of 15 September.
4. The Commission presented the revised draft high-level agreements to the Working Party on 8 December 2023². Delegations did not raise objections to the signature of the high-level agreements in question at this meeting.
5. In the light of the foregoing, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest that the Council authorise the signature of the high-level agreements as set out in ST 16438/23 and in ST 16439/23.

² ST 16260.