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## **'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	High-level agreement between the EU and Norway for the adaptation of the indicative maps of the transport infrastructure network as established in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation)  - Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

- 1. On 12 January 2024, the Working Party on Transport Intermodal Questions and Networks was informed by the Commission of its intention to start negotiations on a high-level agreement between the EU and Norway concerning the adaptation of the indicative maps of the transport infrastructure network as established in Annex III to Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation).
- 2. The planned modifications concern indicative maps related to the road transport infrastructure and to the list of ports and airports reported on the indicative TEN-T maps.
- 3. The Commission presented its note<sup>1</sup> and its intention on this subject to the Working Party on 12 January 2024. No objections were raised by any delegation to authorising the Commission to start the negotiations.

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- 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 <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is invited to suggest that the <u>Council</u> authorise the Commission to negotiate the abovementioned high-level agreement with Norway.

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