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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the

European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage

of Freight by Road, as regards the continuation of the Agreement

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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/...

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on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union
within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement
between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage
of Freight by Road, as regards the continuation of the Agreement

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 91 in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

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Whereas:

- The Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage (1) of Freight by Road¹ ('the Agreement') was signed by the Union on, and has been provisionally applied since, 29 June 2022 in accordance with Council Decision (EU) $2022/1165^2$ and entered into force on 21 August 2023.
- (2) Article 6(1) of the Agreement establishes a Joint Committee to supervise and monitor the application and implementation of the Agreement and periodically review the functioning of the Agreement in light of its objectives.
- By means of Decision 2/2022 of the Joint Committee³, the duration of the Agreement was (3) extended until 30 June 2024. Pursuant to Article 5(2) of the Agreement, the parties to the Agreement are to consult in order to assess the need for its renewal at the latest three months before the expiry of the Agreement.
- (4) In order for both the Union and the Republic of Moldova to continue benefitting from the Agreement, it should be renewed until 31 December 2025.
- (5) The Joint Committee, during its next meeting, is to adopt a decision on the need for a further continuation of the Agreement.
- (6) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf in the Joint Committee as regards the continuation of the Agreement, as the decision of the Joint Committee will be binding on the Union.

3 OJ L 79, 17.3.2023, p. 185.

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¹ OJ L 181, 7.7.2022, p. 4.

² Council Decision (EU) 2022/1165 of 27 June 2022 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the carriage of freight by road (OJ L 181, 7.7.2022, p. 1).

(7) The position of the Union within the Joint Committee should therefore be based on the draft Decision of the Joint Committee,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage of Freight by Road ('the Agreement') as regards the continuation of the Agreement shall be based on the draft decision of the Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

Minor changes to the draft Decision of the Joint Committee may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union within the Joint Committee without a further decision of the Council.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ...,

For the Council
The President

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