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Subject:	Council Decision Authorising the Commission to open negotiations on amendments to the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the Carriage of Freight by Road of 29 June 2022 – Adoption

Delegations will find attached a statement by the Polish delegation on the above.

Statement of Poland on the Council Decision authorizing the Commission to negotiate amendments to the EU-Ukraine Agreement on road transport of goods, and Council's negotiating directives in this regard.

Poland consistently provides comprehensive support to the fighting Ukraine. At the same time, Poland stresses that the functioning of the *EU–Ukraine agreement on the carriage of freight by road* led to negative consequences for the Polish road transport sector and deepened the unequal conditions for Polish and Ukrainian hauliers in the way they perform international road transport of goods. For this reason, it is necessary to make substantial changes to the *Agreement*. Poland points out that regardless of amendments to the *Agreement*, it is crucial that it stays a temporary measure.
