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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of an agreement amending the Agreement of 29 June 2022 between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road – Adoption

CONTEXT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. On 3 June 2024, the Commission presented to the Council its proposal for a Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, and provisional application of an agreement amending the Agreement of 29 June 2022 between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road.
2. The initial Agreement was signed to facilitate road transport between and through Ukraine and the European Union, by granting additional rights of transit and carriage of goods between Ukraine and the EU following Russia's illegal war of aggression against Ukraine and the significant disruptions it brings for all transport modes in Ukraine.
3. In recent months a number of Member States raised concerns regarding the implementation of the Agreement and its possible impact at local level on the road transport sector. Therefore, the Commission requested a mandate to negotiate changes to the Agreement, in particular to facilitate enforcement and strengthen its implementation. This mandate was granted by a Council decision (doc. 8321/24).

EXAMINATION AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL

4. On 7 June 2024, the Commission presented to the Working Party on Land Transport the outcome of the negotiations with the proposal for a Council Decision and in annex the draft amendments to the Agreement. Delegations agreed that the draft amendments are in line with the negotiating mandate.

CONCLUSION

5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council Decision set out in document 10782/24 and the amendments to the Agreement in document 10783/24, to permit the signing and the preliminary application of the amending agreement.
6. The European Parliament will be informed of the adoption in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU. The Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament.
