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

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Revision of high-level agreement between the EU and Georgia for the adaptation of indicative maps of neighbouring countries within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation)  - Authorisation to open negotiations

- On 19 June 2020, the Working Party on Transport Intermodal Questions and Networks was 1. informed in a note<sup>1</sup> by the Commission of its intention to enter into negotiations on a revised high-level agreement between the EU and Georgia 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 map of Georgia within the meaning of Article 49(6) of Regulation (EU) No 1315/2013 (TEN-T Regulation).
- 2. A high-level agreement between the Union and Georgia was signed on 18 July 2018 and subsequently indicative maps were adopted for the core network<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> ST 8973/20.

<sup>2</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/254 of 9 November 2018 on the adaptation of Annex III to Regulation (EU) N° 1315/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Union guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network (OJ L 43, 14.2.2019, p.1)

- 3. Due to a road construction project between the towns Algheti and Sadakhlo, which deviates from the current alignment of the road core network, the Commission seeks the authorisation of the Council to sign a revised high-level agreement to reflect the aforementioned change on the existing indicative map of Georgia.
- 4. The note from the Commission services was examined by the Working Party on 2 July 2020. No objections were raised by any delegation to grant the authorisation to the Commission to start the negotiations.
- 5. 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 revised high-level agreement on behalf of the EU.
- 6. In light of the above, the <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is invited to suggest to the <u>Council</u> that it authorises the Commission to enter into negotiations on a revised high-level agreement between the EU and Georgia.

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