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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on driving licences, amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2022/2561 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Commission Regulation (EU) No 383/2012 **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 1 March 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 91(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Data Protection Supervisor delivered its opinion on 25 April 2023².
3. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 14 June 2023³.
4. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
5. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 28 February 2024⁴.

¹ 6795/1/23 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 + ADD 2-4.

² OJ C 199, 7.6.2023, p. 13.

³ OJ C 293, 18.8.2023, p. 133.

⁴ 10630/24.

6. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 30 April 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Directive⁵, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
7. On 14 May 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN) confirmed the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Directive. Subsequently, its Chair sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments.
8. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 8353/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 8353/25 ADD 1 REV 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Croatia and Malta voting against and Bulgaria and Austria abstaining.
9. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addendum to this note.

⁵ 7790/25.