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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the establishment of a list of safe countries of origin at Union level **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act
= Statement

Hungary has requested that the following statement be entered in the Council minutes

Hungary reiterates its serious reservations regarding the Pact on Migration and Asylum. In the context of the EU list of safe countries of origin, Hungary has consistently advocated that eligible candidate countries should be automatically included on the EU list. We are convinced that inclusion should happen automatically, without imposing additional conditions on candidate countries in order for them to remain on the list.

Hungary therefore regrets that the compromise text would, de facto, impose stricter conditions on the eligible candidate countries than on other third countries listed in the Annex.

Hungary considers that the specific listing of eligible candidate countries would have provided the most robust legal solution, avoiding further complications and treating the eligible candidate countries equitably.

In view of the above, Hungary abstains.
