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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL empowering Austria to amend its bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries **(first reading)**
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 18 December 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 2(1) and 91 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 21 January 2026².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 7 July 2026, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions on taking over the Commission proposal with some adjustments and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 17048/25.

² OJ C, C/2026/1970, 28.4.2026, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/1970/oj>.

³ 11459/26.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 37/26, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
