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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on temporary trade-liberalisation measures applicable to certain products originating in the Republic of Armenia (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act - Decision to derogate from the eight-week period provided for in Article 4 of Protocol 1 on the role of national Parliaments in the EU = Statement

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

Hungary welcomes the European Union's efforts to strengthen its trade and investment ties with the countries of the **Eastern Partnership** and the Caucasus region, including Armenia. We agree that the Union should show solidarity and support Armenia in view of the current difficult economic situation.

Nevertheless, we regret that no analysis or impact assessment was carried out prior to the submission of the proposal. The Regulation would liberalise trade in several fruit and vegetable products that are traditionally sensitive for the Hungarian agricultural sector. It would be important to establish a regular monitoring mechanism for trade in all sensitive products, including processed cucumbers, tomatoes and apples.

We welcome the safeguard mechanism included in the Regulation that allows the Commission to impose any measure necessary, where imports of a product under the regulation adversely affect the Union market or the market of one Member State.

We consider it important, and support the Commission's commitment, to keep the Council and the European Parliament continuously informed about the impact of the regulation on trade flows and the Union market.
