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Following the Permanent Representatives Committee meeting of 26 March 2025 which endorsed the final compromise text with a view to an agreement with the European Parliament on the modification of customs duties of certain agriculture goods and fertilisers from Russia and Belarus, delegations are informed that the Presidency sent the attached letter to the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on International trade (INTA).



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**Council of the
European Union**

Brussels, 26 March 2025

Mr Bernd Lange
Chair, European Parliament Committee on International Trade (INTA)
European Parliament
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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the modification of customs duties applicable to imports of certain goods originating in or exported directly or indirectly from the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus (2025/0021 (COD))
- First reading agreement

Dear Mr Lange,

I am pleased to inform you that the Permanent Representatives Committee agreed today to the above-mentioned proposal without any modifications.

I am therefore now in a position to confirm that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 3 of the Treaty without amendments to the Commission's proposal (subject to the revision by the lawyers-linguists of both institutions), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position. The act is then adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.

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On behalf of the Council, I also wish to thank you for the close cooperation which should enable us to reach an agreement on this dossier at first reading.

Yours faithfully,



Agnieszka BARTOL
Chair of the
Permanent Representatives Committee

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