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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Moldovan products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part - Analysis of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

1. On 2 May 2023, the European Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal to the Council.
2. The proposal suspends for one more year import duties and quotas on Moldovan exports to the EU for the seven products that have not been liberalised under the Deep and Comprehensive Trade Agreement between the EU and Moldova and replaces the previous measures to support EU-Moldova trade that are in force since 23 July 2022¹.
3. The Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined the proposal at its meetings on 4 and 17 May and on 2 June 2023. Following these discussions, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) endorsed the Commission proposal without any modifications.

¹ 10074/2022

4. The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) aims to approve the Commission's proposal without any amendments on 27 June. The European Parliament plans to adopt its position during the Plenary session of 11-14 July 2023.
 5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:
 - approve the text of the Commission's proposal without any modifications (subject to the revision by the lawyer-linguists of the European Parliament and the Council), with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading with the European Parliament; and
 - to authorise the Presidency to send a letter to the Chair of the European Parliament's INTA Committee confirming that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), in the form set out in the Commission's proposal (subject to the revision by the lawyer-linguists of both institutions), the Council will approve the European Parliament's position, in accordance with Article 294(4) TFEU, and the act will be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position at first reading.
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