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'I' ITEM NOTE

From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject: Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the Carriage of Freight by Road, as regards the continuation of the Agreement

- Adoption
- Decision to use written procedure

CONTEXT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. On 1 September 2025, the Commission adopted its proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road, as regards the continuation of the agreement. The Commission proposed that the agreement should be continued until 31 March 2027 and presented a list of conditions in an appendix to the draft Joint Committee decision in order to assess the satisfactory progress made by Ukraine on the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with the EU acquis in the area of road freight transport before the expiry of the agreement.

EXAMINATION AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL

2. On 4 September, the Commission presented to the Land Transport Working Party the proposal. On 12 September, the Land Transport Working Party discussed a presidency compromise¹. Considering the urgency to conclude the deliberations as the Council decision needs to be adopted before 30 September, a written consultation² was launched on 16 September and concluded the same day. The expiry date of 31 March 2027 is maintained. In the appendix to the draft Joint Committee decision the requirement of good repute was added, and the requirements related to the use of smart tachographs both for newly registered vehicles in Ukraine and for the retrofitting of the existing fleet in Ukraine were amended. The Commission will also present a status report, an assessment on the progress and a further assessment on the progress made by Ukraine as regards the alignment of Ukrainian legislation with the EU acquis in the area of road freight transport.

CONCLUSION

3. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to:
 - endorse the draft Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road, as regards the continuation of the agreement, as set out in document 12859/25 and the draft Joint Committee decision in document 12859/15 ADD1, revised by the lawyer-linguists;
 - decide, in accordance with the first subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure, that, in view of the urgency of the matter, the Council uses the written procedure for the adoption of the Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road, as regards the continuation of the agreement, as set out in document 12859/25 and the draft Joint Committee decision in document 12859/15 ADD1.

¹ Documents ST 12453/25 + ADD1

² Documents ST 12453/25 REV1 + ADD1 REV1

4. Once adopted, the European Parliament will be informed of the adoption of the Council Decision in all languages in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and the Council Decision will be transmitted to the Parliament.
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