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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
No. Cion doc.:	9006/25
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2024/823 of 28 February 2024 on exceptional trade measures for countries and territories participating in or linked to the Stabilisation and Association Process - Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

1. On 14 May 2025, the European Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal (ST 9006/25) to the Council.

2. The aim of the proposal is to extend the autonomous trade measures (ATMs) for the Western Balkan countries which have been in place since 2000 for another five years, i.e. until the end of 2030. The current ATMs for the Western Balkans cover two remaining benefits: firstly, the suspension of the specific duties for all fruits and vegetables subject to the entry-price system, and secondly, access to a global tariff quota for wine, available on a first-come, first-served basis once Western Balkan countries have exhausted national quotas in their respective Stabilisation and Association Agreements. Despite the limited scope of the current ATMs, they have remained important both economically and politically.

3. The Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) examined the proposal at its meetings on 22 May and 11 September 2025. During those discussions, delegations expressed their support for the proposal without any modifications. Consequently, the Presidency proposed to approve the proposal without any amendments.

4. The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) intends to hold a vote on the proposal on 6 October 2025. If there are no amendments, the European Parliament aims to adopt its position at first reading in its mini-plenary sessions on 12-13 November 2025.

5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited:

   - to confirm their agreement to the proposal without modifications, as set out in document ST 9006/25;

   - to authorise the Presidency to send a letter to the Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) confirming 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 proposal (as set out in document ST 9006/25), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294 paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in that wording subject, if necessary, to revision by the legal-linguistic experts of both institutions.

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