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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
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| Subject: | 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 the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage of Freight by Road, as regards the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the continuation of the Agreement<br>– Adoption |

## CONTEXT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. On 17 June 2022, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals for a Council Decision on the signature and the provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova. The Council adopted its Decision for the signature and the provisional application of the Agreement on 27 June. The agreement was signed on 29 June and applies provisional since that day. The Decision on the signature of the Agreement was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 6 July[1].

2. On 24 November, the Commission presented to the Council its proposals 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 the Republic of Moldova on the Carriage of Freight by Road, as regards the rules of procedure of the Joint Committee and the continuation of the Agreement.

[1] *OJ L 179, 6.7.2022, p. 1.*

**EXAMINATION AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL**

3. On 30 November, the Land Transport Working Party discussed the proposal and concluded that the Council Decision can be adopted. It was agreed that the Joint Committee should first decide on the adoption of the rules of procedure and then decide on the continuation of the Agreement. To this end, it was agreed to have two separate decisions taken by the Joint Committee, one on the adoption of the rules of procedure and another one on the continuation of the Agreement.

4. As regards the continuation of the Agreement, delegations expressed caution on a too long continuation. It was decided to allow for the continuation of the Agreement until **30 June 2024**. If there will be a need for a further continuation, this can be done after having assessed the functioning of the Agreement and the need to continue it beyond that date.

**CONCLUSION**

5. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to suggest that the Council, in part "A" of the agenda of a forthcoming meeting, adopts the Council Decision in document 15347/22 and the two addenda in documents 15347/22 ADD1 (first decision of the Joint Committee) and 15347/22 ADD2 (second decision of the Joint Committee).

6. 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.