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

CONTEXT AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSAL

1. On 31 October 2024, the Commission presented to the Council its proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the Union in the ad hoc working group and in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road, as regards the terms of reference of the ad hoc working group.

2. The Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road[1] (the 'Agreement') was signed by the Union on 29 June 2022 pursuant to Council Decision (EU) 2022/1158[2] and entered into provisional application on that date. It was concluded by the Union by Council Decision (EU) 2022/2435[3] and entered into force on 5 December 2022.

3. The Agreement was amended by the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road of 29 June 2022, which was signed by the Union on 20 June 2024 pursuant to Council Decision (EU) 2024/1876[4] and entered into provisional application on that date.

4. As part of the amendments adopted on 20 June 2024, a specific ad hoc working group was established under Article 7A(1) of the Agreement, in order to facilitate the practical implementation of the Agreement. This working group is to work under the authority of the Joint Committee established under Article 7 of the Agreement. It does not take decisions, but may make recommendations to the Joint Committee.

EXAMINATION AT WORKING PARTY LEVEL

5. On 7 November 2024, the Land Transport Working Party discussed the Commission proposal. It was concluded that the Commission proposal can be adopted, subject to the revision by lawyer linguists.

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1 OJ L 179, 6.7.2022, p. 4, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/agree_internation/2022/1158/oj.

2 Council Decision (EU) 2022/1158 of 27 June 2022 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road (OJ L 179, 6.7.2022, p. 4)

3 Council Decision (EU) 2022/2435 of 5 December 2022 on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road (OJ L 319, 13.12.2022, p. 5)

4 Council Decision (EU) 2024/1876 of 20 June 2024 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine amending the Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine on the carriage of freight by road of 29 June 2022 OJ L, 2024/1876, 2.7.2024, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/1876/oj.

CONCLUSION

6. 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 15729/24 and the draft decision of the Joint Committee, annexed to the decision, in document 15729/ADD1/24.

7. 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.