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Delegations will find in the annex a statement by the Greek delegation in relation to the abovementioned regulation.

STATEMENT BY GREECE

on

**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending
Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 as regards the application of the ‘safe third country’ concept**

The reform of the Safe Third Country concept marks a key step to enabling Member States to more effectively and swiftly process asylum applications and thus, expected to improve migration management.

In this context, Greece extends its sincere appreciation to the Polish and Danish Presidencies, for their dedicated efforts and constructive engagement throughout the negotiation process in pursuit of a balanced compromise. The provisions concerning the Safe Third Country concept reflect and accommodate Greece’s core concerns.

However, Greece maintains its position, that the extension of the scope of Article 68(3), on the non-automatic suspensive effect, by including the cases of beneficiaries of international protection in a M-S, goes beyond the intended scope of the review of the Safe Third Country concept as outlined in Article 77.

For this reason, Greece will abstain from the vote on the amendment of Regulation (EU) 2024/1348 with regard to the application of the Safe Third Country concept.
