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

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Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU)
2024/1348 as regards the establishment of a list of safe countries of origin at Union level**

Statement by Hungary

Hungary reiterates its serious reservations on the Pact on Migration and Asylum. In the context of the Union list of safe countries of origin, Hungary has always advocated for the automatic inclusion of eligible candidate countries on the Union list. We believe that this inclusion has to be automatic, without imposing any additional requirements on candidate countries to remain on the list.

Therefore, Hungary regrets that the compromise text would de facto expect eligible candidate countries to meet stricter conditions than other third countries listed in the Annex.

Hungary believes that listing the eligible candidate countries would have been the most legally sound approach, that avoids creating additional complications and that treats eligible candidate countries fairly.

In light of the above, Hungary is not in a position to support the general approach.
