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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation establishing a basis for the exchange of information on persons benefitting from temporary protection

1. On 9 December 2022, the Commission submitted to the Council a recommendation for the above-mentioned draft Council Decision, based on Article 218(3) and (4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (ST 5443/23 *RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED*). The draft Council Decision is accompanied by an Addendum containing the negotiating directives (ST 5443/23 ADD 1 *RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED*).
2. The JHA Counsellors (Asylum) examined the draft Council Decision and its Addendum at their meeting on 23 February 2023 and on 27 February 2023 agreed on a slightly revised text (ST 6799/23).
3. The European Parliament will be informed in accordance with Article 218(10) TFEU and following their adoption by the Council, the Decision and the negotiating directives will be transmitted to the EP.

4. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited:

- to confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Council Decision, as revised by the legal/linguistic experts, set out in document ST 7021/23 and ST 7021/23 ADD 1 (*RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED*), and
 - recommend that the Council adopt the draft Council Decision authorising the opening of negotiations for an agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation establishing a basis for the exchange of information on persons benefitting from temporary protection, as revised by the legal/linguistic experts, set out in documents ST 7021/23 and ST 7021/23 ADD 1 (*RESTREINT UE / EU RESTRICTED*).
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