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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
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Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

1. On 31 January 2024, the European Commission submitted the above-mentioned proposal (ST 5998/24) to the Council.
2. Regulation (EU) 2023/1077¹ entered into force on 6 June 2023 and applies until 5 June 2024. The proposal aims to renew the suspension of import duties and quotas on Ukrainian exports to the EU for another year, while reinforcing protection for some sensitive agricultural products.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2023/1077 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023 on temporary trade-liberalisation measures supplementing trade concessions applicable to Ukrainian products under the Association Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part (OJ L 144, 5.6.2023, p. 1)

3. The Trade Policy Committee (Deputies and Full Members) examined the proposal at its meetings on 5, 8 and 15 February 2024. During those discussions, a large number of delegations expressed their support for the proposal without any modifications and called for a rapid adoption of the legal act. Some delegations, however, expressed concerns and suggested certain modifications in respect of the proposal. Further to these discussions, the Presidency proposed to approve the proposal without any modifications.
 4. The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade (INTA) intends to hold a vote on the proposal at its meeting on 7 March 2024. The European Parliament aims to adopt its position at first reading in one of its plenary sessions in April 2024.
 5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve the text of the Commission's proposal without any modifications, with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading with the European Parliament.
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