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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/2998

of 5 November 2024

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Joint Committee established by the Convention on a common transit procedure as regards the adoption of a decision amending Appendices III and IIIa to that Convention concerning the accession of Georgia

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 207(4), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) The Convention on a common transit procedure ⁽¹⁾ (the 'Convention') was concluded by means of Council Decision 87/415/EEC ⁽²⁾ and entered into force on 1 January 1988.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 15(3)(a) of the Convention, the Joint Committee established by Article 14 of that Convention (the 'EU-CTC Joint Committee') is to adopt by decisions amendments to Appendices III and IIIa to the Convention.
- (3) Georgia expressed its wish to accede to the Convention, and has been invited to do so by the EU-CTC Joint Committee.
- (4) The accession of Georgia will require the adaptation of the guarantee documents provided for by Title II of the Convention, as well as the insertion of certain technical terms in the Georgian language in the Convention.
- (5) All Member States of the Union expressed their positive opinion as regards the proposed amendments in the EU-Common Transit Countries Working Group on common transit established by Article 17 of Rules of Procedure of the EU-CTC Joint Committee.
- (6) As the EU-CTC Joint Committee decision will amend the Convention, it is appropriate to publish it in the *Official Journal of the European Union* after its adoption.
- (7) Within the EU-CTC Joint Committee, the Union is to be represented by the Commission, in accordance with Article 17(1) of the Treaty on European Union. The position of the Union concerning the proposed amendment should therefore be based on the attached draft decision,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union at the meeting of the Joint Committee established by the Convention on a common transit procedure (the 'EU-CTC Joint Committee') concerning amendments to Appendices III and IIIa to that Convention shall be based on the draft decision of the EU-CTC Joint Committee attached to this Decision.

Minor changes to the draft decision may be agreed to by the representatives of the Union in the EU-CTC Joint Committee, without further decision of the Council.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 226, 13.8.1987, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 87/415/EEC of 15 June 1987 concerning the conclusion of a Convention between the European Community, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland, the Republic of Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden and the Swiss Confederation on a common transit procedure (OJ L 226, 13.8.1987, p. 1).

Article 2

After its adoption, the decision of the EU-CTC Joint Committee referred to in Article 1 shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 2024.

For the Council

The President

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