EU/Moldova Agreement on the carriage of freight by road

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The European Parliament adopted by 596 votes to 2, with 7 abstentions, a legislative resolution on the draft Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the European Union, of the Agreement between the European Union and the Republic of Moldova on the carriage of goods by road.

Parliament **gave its consent** to the conclusion of the agreement.

Road freight transport between the European Union and Moldova is currently governed by two main mechanisms, namely the bilateral transport agreements between EU Member States and Moldova and the permits granted in the framework the ECMT multilateral quota system within the International Transport Forum. Both these mechanisms impose quotas on hauliers from both sides, regarding transit and bilateral trade.

Since the increased use of the number of transport operations by road compared to normal times would exceed the quotas set out in the bilateral agreements between Member States and Moldova and given via the ECMT within the International Transport Forum, this Agreement on road transport between the European Union and Moldova would therefore replace existing bilateral transport agreements between Member States and Moldova and facilitate the use of alternative transport by road for operators, as bilateral operations and transit would be liberalised between the two Parties.