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Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee

Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering Austria to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of the provision of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries

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Since the Committee endorses the contents of the proposal and has already set out its views on the subject in its earlier opinion TEN/698 on *Bilateral road transport agreements between Switzerland and Germany and between Switzerland and Italy* [OJ C 14, 15.1.2020, p. 118] ⁽¹⁾, adopted on 25 September 2019, it decided to issue an opinion endorsing the proposed text and to refer to the position it had taken in the above-mentioned document.

Brussels, 21 January 2026.

The President
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⁽¹⁾ Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on 'Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering Germany to amend its existing bilateral road transport agreement with Switzerland with a view to authorising cabotage operations in the course of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries' (COM(2019) 221 *final*) and 'Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council empowering Italy to negotiate and conclude an agreement with Switzerland authorising cabotage operations in the course of international road passenger transport services by coach and bus in the border regions between the two countries' (COM(2019) 223 *final*) (OJ C 14, 15.1.2020, p. 118).