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'I/A' ITEM NOTE

| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| То: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869 (first reading) |
| | - Adoption of the legislative act |

- On 22 June 2022, the <u>Commission</u> submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 January 2023².
- 3. The <u>Committee of the Regions</u> delivered its opinion on 9 February 2023³.
- 4. On 27 February 2024, the <u>European Parliament</u> adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal⁴. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 10607/22 + ADD 1 to 15.

² OJ C 140, 21.4.2023, p. 46.

³ OJ C 157, 3.5.2023, p. 38.

⁴ 6985/24.

- The <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the <u>Council</u> approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE CONS 74/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with <u>Italy, the Netherlands</u>, <u>Poland, Finland</u> and <u>Sweden</u> voting against and <u>Belgium</u> and <u>Austria</u> abstaining.
- 6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in ADD 1 REV 2 to this note.
- 7. If the <u>Council</u> approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.