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Statement by Lithuania

Lithuania supports the targeted revision of the Waste Framework Directive, recognising its importance in addressing textile and food waste management across the EU. However, we believe that the current compromise text does not sufficiently address the challenges faced by Member States experiencing a high influx of second-hand textiles.

In Lithuania, second-hand textiles represent 29% of total textile consumption — significantly higher than the EU average of 7.6%. The exclusion of reuse operators from the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) system overlooks the realities of managing second-hand textiles. Without contributions from commercial reuse operators, the financial responsibility for waste management falls unevenly on producers placing new textiles on the market. This creates an imbalance and hinders the ability of countries with significant second-hand textile markets to fund proper waste management.

While we welcome the inclusion of a review clause, this alone does not provide immediate solutions. Greater flexibility is needed to allow Member States facing these challenges to include commercial reuse operators in their EPR systems, ensuring a more equitable distribution of costs and support for effective textile waste management.

Lithuania remains committed to improving the sustainability of textile waste management and urges further consideration of the unique circumstances faced by countries with high volumes of second-hand textiles.

**Statement by Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Spain, France, Croatia, Cyprus, Hungary,
Netherlands, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden**

Recital 47 clearly demonstrates the need for supervision and monitoring of compliance and the ensurement of accuracy, completeness, up-to-datedness and availability regarding information which online platforms receive from traders, relating not only to the obligations under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 (Digital Services Act) but also to the extended producer responsibility obligations of Directive 2008/98/EC (Waste Framework Directive). Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 does not restrict the Member States from ensuring that EPR obligations under Directive 2008/98/EC are fulfilled, as the Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 supports the enforcement of and compliance with Directive 2008/98/EC. Under certain conditions, providers of online platforms may be held liable if they do not comply with their specific obligations, in particular under Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 and Directive 2008/98/EC. Member States will exercise their respective monitoring powers in full accordance with Regulation (EU) 2022/2065 and Directive 2008/98/EC to ensure compliance by providers of online platforms. In order to ensure compliance, the provider of the online platform must provide sufficient evidence prior to allowing producers to use the services. Particularly, this applies to the verification and securing of registration.

Being aware of the rapidly growing e-commerce market and its consequences outlined in the European Commission's Communication *A comprehensive EU toolbox for safe and sustainable e-commerce*¹, we count on the support of the European Commission to tackle this significant challenge. The Waste Framework Directive, which will be revised within the Circular Economy Act, needs to ensure a level playing field and continued environmental protection. We support the inclusion of a more specific obligation in the Waste Framework Directive to ensure that online platforms comply with their obligations under all Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regimes.

¹ 6047/25 - COM(2025) 37 final.