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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on Soil Monitoring and Resilience (Soil Monitoring Law) (first reading) - Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 5 July 2023, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 October 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 19 June 2024³.
4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 10 April 2024⁴.

¹ 11566/23 + ADD 1-10.

² OJ C, C/2024/887, 6.2.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/887/oj>.

³ OJ C, C/2024/5371, 17.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2024/5371/oj>.

⁴ 10570/24.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 21 May 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Directive⁵, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
 6. On 5 June 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) confirmed the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Directive. Subsequently, its Chair sent a letter to the Chair of the Permanent Representatives Committee stating that the European Parliament should, at its second reading, approve the Council's position at first reading (following a legal-linguistic revision) without amendments⁶.
 7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 9474/25 + COR 1, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 9474/25 ADD 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Germany voting against and Austria abstaining.
 8. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addendum to this note.
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⁵ 8818/25.

⁶ 10845/25.