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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: EU-Canada Green Alliance to be signed by the European Commission on behalf of the European Union and Union's joining of the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge
– Authorisation to sign an NBI

1. On 18 September 2023, the Council approved, in the framework of the procedure for Non-Binding Instruments (NBI), the intention of the Commission, as set out in document ST 9137/23, to establish a Green Alliance with Canada.
2. On 30 October 2023, the Commission submitted to the Council, as second step in the NBI procedure, a note with two Annexes: Annex 1 with the text of the draft EU-Canada Green Alliance; and Annex 2 with a background on the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge. The note was circulated as ST 14927/23.

3. On 10 November 2023, the Working Party on Environment examined the above mentioned Commission note and expressed comments on Annex 1. Based on the comments made and after further negotiations with Canada, the Commission revised Annex 1 as set out in document ST 15459/23.
 4. On 14 November 2023 the Working Party on Environment examined the revised Annex I. The text as set out in document ST 15459/23 was agreed further to that meeting.
 5. Consequently, and subject to confirmation by the Committee of Permanent Representatives, the Council is invited to authorise the Commission to sign the EU-Canada Green Alliance and to join the Global Carbon Pricing Challenge on behalf of the European Union, as set out in document ST 15459/23 + COR1.
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