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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems as regards amending Annex I to the Agreement - Adoption

1. On 10 November 2017, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2017/2240 on the signing, on behalf of the Union, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems ('the Agreement')[1]. The Agreement was signed on 23 November 2017.

2. The Agreement was concluded by Council Decision (EU) 2018/219[2] and entered into force on 1 January 2020.

[1] OJ L 322, 7.12.2017, p. 1.
[2] OJ L 43, 16.2.2018, p. 1.

3. Article 12 of the Agreement establishes a Joint Committee, which is responsible for the implementation of the Agreement. Pursuant to Article 12(3) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee may adopt decisions that are, upon their entry into force, binding on the Parties. In accordance with Article 13(2) of the Agreement, the Joint Committee may amend the Annexes to the Agreement.

4. On 31 October 2025, the Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems as regards amending Annex I to the Agreement.[3]

5. The aim of the proposed Decision is to align the essential criteria that are laid down in Annex I to the Agreement to updated legislation in both the EU and the Swiss Confederation.

6. The Working Party on the Environment (WPE) agreed on the text of the Commission proposal at its meeting on 18 November 2025.

7. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, adopt the Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Joint Committee established by the Agreement between the European Union and the Swiss Confederation on the linking of their greenhouse gas emissions trading systems as regards amending Annex I to the Agreement[4].

8. The text of the Council Decision will be transmitted to the European Parliament for information in accordance with Article 218(10) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

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