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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs)

1 and 2 December 2025

MEETING ON MONDAY 1 DECEMBER 2025

EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL POLICY

Any other business

9. g) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Cyprus

The Council took note of the information provided by Cyprus.

MEETING ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025

HEALTH

Any other business

11. a) **Negotiations for an international agreement on** 14653/25
pandemic prevention, preparedness and response
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information from the Presidency and the Commission.

- k) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Cyprus

The Council took note of the information provided by Cyprus.

Statement to the non-legislative "A" item set out in doc. 15840/25

Ad "A" item 1:

Council Decision on the signing of the Envicrime Convention
Adoption

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

“The Commission welcomes the adoption of the Council Decision on the signing, on behalf of the European Union, of the Council of Europe Convention on the protection of the environment through criminal law.

The Commission does not object to the Council’s amendments to the Commission proposal [COM(2025)433]. The Commission reiterates however that certain matters covered by the Convention, such as the definition of criminal offences, fall within an area covered to a large extent by Union rules, such as Directive (EU) 2024/1203 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 on the protection of the environment through criminal law and replacing Directives 2008/99/EC and 2009/123/EC. The Commission therefore considers that those matters fall within the Union’s exclusive competence pursuant to the last limb of Article 3(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as interpreted by the Court of Justice.”
