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In view of the informal videoconference of the members of the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) on February 9 and 10, delegations will find in the Annex a Presidency compromise suggestion for Article 4a of the abovementioned proposal.

This suggestion is composed of two options, and it is reflected also in recital 17a and Article 1.2 as well as in two annexes to the Decision.

The Presidency also intends to further discuss Article 4, as proposed in document 5372/21.

Amendments to the last Presidency compromise text (doc. 5372/21) are marked in **bold and underline** and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions. While amendments to the Commission proposal are indicated in underlined and ~~strikethrough~~ for deletions.

Proposal for a

DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

on a General Union Environment Action Programme to 2030

(17a) As the **Commission's Communication on the European Green Deal** contains a roadmap of key actions **relevant for the field of environment during the coming years**, the 8th EAP exceptionally does not define actions to achieve its priority objectives **until 2025**. However, there will be a need to do so when these key actions have been put in place **by 2024**, so that the 8th EAP continues to set the overarching vision of the EU environmental policy. For that purpose, there should be a mid-term review **in 2024 followed by with a legislative proposal amending the 8th EAP to complete it with the key actions** to be taken until 2030. **Such a review should take into account the main findings available from the European Environment Agency's report on the state of the environment.**

Option 1:

Article 4a – Mid-term Review

By ~~31 March 2024~~ **Before** the end of its current term, the Commission shall carry out a mid-term review of the progress achieved in reaching the thematic priority objectives defined in Article 2(2), taking into consideration the enabling conditions laid down in Article 3, ~~and~~ based on the assessments carried under Article 4(1) **and any other relevant findings**, and shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. In the light of that review, ~~and~~ **of any other relevant policy developments, and of the European Environment Agency's report on the state of the environment**, the Commission shall present at latest by 31 March 2025 a legislative proposal ~~for adding an annex to the present~~ **that amends this** 8th Environment Action Programme, **for the period after 2025, by establishing containing a list of further actions, with a timeline**, necessary for reaching the thematic priority objectives **defined in Article 2(2), as well as the respective timeline of these actions.**

Option 2:

Article 1 - Subject matter

- 2 The 8th EAP aims at accelerating the green ecological transition to a climate-neutral, resource-efficient, clean and circular economy in a just and inclusive way and at supporting and strengthening an integrated policy and implementation approach, ~~and endorses the environmental and climate objectives of building upon the European Green Deal, and its initiatives~~ **A reference to the actions envisaged in the European Green Deal is set out, for information purposes only, in Annex I.**

Article 4a – Mid-term Review

~~By 31 March 2024~~ **Before** the end of its current term, the Commission shall carry out a mid-term review of the progress achieved in reaching the thematic priority objectives defined in Article 2(2), and the actions referred to in Annex I, taking into consideration the enabling conditions laid down in Article 3, ~~and~~ based on the assessments carried under Article 4(1) and any other relevant findings and shall submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council. In the light of that review, ~~and~~ of any other relevant policy developments, and of the European Environment Agency's report on the state of the environment, the Commission shall present by 31 March 2025 a legislative proposal for adding an annex to the present that amends this 8th Environment Action Programme **for the period after 2025, by setting out in Annex II containing a list of further the actions, with a timeline, necessary for reaching the priority objectives defined in Article 2(2), as well as the respective timeline of these actions.**

Annex I - Key actions until 2025

In order to reach the priority objectives defined in Article 2 (2), during the period until 2025 reference is made - for information purposes only - to the actions envisaged by the Commission in this time frame as regards Climate ambition, Industrial strategy for a clean and circular economy, Preserving and protecting biodiversity, Towards a zero-pollution ambition for a toxic free environment, as well as concerning the EU as a global leader and the European Climate Pact, set out in the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 11 December 2019 (COM(2019) 640 final) on "The European Green Deal" and, in particular, its Annex "Roadmap - Key actions" .

Annex II - Key actions after 2025

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