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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 amending Directive 2000/60/EC establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, Directive 2006/118/EC on the protection of groundwater against pollution and deterioration and Directive 2008/105/EC on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy adoption
- Adoption of the Council's position at first reading and of the statement of the Council's reasons

1. On 26 October 2022, 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 22 February 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

¹ 14265/22 + ADD 1 to 4.

² OJ C 146, 27.4.2023, pp. 41.

4. The European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on 24 April 2024³.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee confirmed on 8 October 2025 the provisional agreement reached by the co-legislators on the above Directive⁴, after informal contacts had taken place between the Council and the European Parliament.
6. On 21 October 2025, the European Parliament's Committee on the Environment, Climate and Food Safety (ENVI) confirmed the provisional agreement. 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 amendments⁵.
7. The Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to suggest that the Council adopt its position at first reading, as set out in 14144/25, and the statement of reasons, as set out in 14144/25 ADD 1 REV 1, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria abstaining.
8. The statements for the minutes of the Council are set out in the Addendum to this note.

³ 10562/24.
⁴ 13706/25.
⁵ 14345/25.