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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 as regards the setting of a Union intermediate climate target for 2040 **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 2 July 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal[1], based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 September 2025[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

4. On 10 February 2026, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal[3]. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

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5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 5/26, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia voting against and Belgium abstaining.

6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.

7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

   After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.