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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 7004/22.

2. Approval of 'A' items

Non-legislative list

<u>The Council</u> adopted the "A" items listed in 7020/22, including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

- 3. Fit for 55 package
 - (a) Revision of Directive (EU) 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading (ETS)
 - (b) Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 (ESR)
 - (c) Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)
 - (d) Revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/631 setting CO₂ emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles

(e) **Regulation establishing a Social Climate Fund** *Policy debate*

<u>The Council</u> held a policy debate on the Fit for 55 package on the basis of questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in 6668/2/22 REV 2.

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4. **Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries**, repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020 General approach

The Council agreed on a general approach on the Batteries Regulation, as set out in the Annex

of document 7317/22.

5. Regulation on the making available on the Union market as 6464/22 well as export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the Deforestation Regulation on the basis of questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in 6464/22.

Non-legislative activities

6. Greening the European Semester Exchange of views

Any other business

7. **Current legislative proposals (a)** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

(i) **Regulation amending Annexes IV and V to** 13349/21 + ADD 1 Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (POPs) Information from the Presidency

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, as well as the

intervention by the Commission.



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5 6866/22 **(b)** Celebrating the anniversary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention): 30 years of fruitful cooperation on water (Tallinn, Estonia, 30 June 2022) Information from the Estonian and Finnish delegations The Council took note of the information provided by the Estonian and Finnish delegations. OC **(a)** (cont.) Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) **Directive replacing Directive 2008/99/EC on the** 14459/21 + COR 1(ii) protection of the environment through criminal law Information from the Commission The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations. (c) Second segment of the fifth session of the United P 7119/22 Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) (Nairobi, **28 February - 2 March 2022)** Information from the Presidency and the Commission The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations. (d) Ratification of multilateral environmental agreements 7157/22 (MEAs) – an updated call for urgent action Information from the Commission First reading Item based on a Commission proposal Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)