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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representative Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 contributing to climate action to meet commitments under the Paris Agreement, and Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 <b>(first reading)</b> - Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 14 July 2021 the Commission submitted its proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 8 December 2021<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 28 April 2022<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Doc. 10867/21 + ADD 1 to 4.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 189.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 301, 5.8.2022, p. 221.

4. On 14 March 2023 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>4</sup>.
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 72/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Poland voting against and Belgium and Austria abstaining.
6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum 1 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*.

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<sup>4</sup> Doc. 7291/23.