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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Draft Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposal for amendments of Annexex A and B - Adoption

1. On 6 February 2019, the Commission submitted to Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants as regards the proposal for amendments of Annexes A and B [1].

2. On 26 February and 14 March 2019, the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) considered the Commission proposal. The Presidency compromise text resulting from these discussions (doc. 7603/19) was circulated to delegations for agreement under an informal silence procedure ending on 20 March 2019, which was broken by one delegation. Subsequently, the Presidency submitted a revised compromise proposal (doc. 7603/1/19 REV 1) to delegations for agreement under a second informal silence procedure.

[1] Doc. 6168/19.

3. The result of the last informal silence procedure ending on 22 March 2019 shows that the last Presidency compromise text, as set out in document 7893/19 following the legal-linguistic revision, is acceptable to all delegations.

4. The Committee of Permanent Representatives is invited to recommend that the Council:

   - adopt the Decision as set out in document 7893/19 as an "A" item at its meeting on 15 April 2019;

   - inform the European Parliament on its Decision in accordance with Article 218(10) of the TFEU.