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'I' ITEM NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 as regards the prohibition to export mixed municipal waste destined for recovery - Mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament

I. INTRODUCTION

1. On 29 April 2026, the Commission adopted a proposal amending Regulation (EU) 2024/1157 ('Waste Shipment Regulation') as regards the prohibition to export mixed municipal waste destined for recovery[1].

2. The proposal aims to continue allowing exports of mixed municipal waste for recovery from the EU to Switzerland. The amendment is presented as a targeted and proportionate solution to avoid disruption of existing waste shipments because costs and greenhouse gas emissions would increase and waste would need to travel farther to EU-based facilities instead of nearby Swiss plants while still prohibiting exports of mixed municipal waste for disposal purposes.

[1] ST 8729/26.

3. The European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions have been consulted. They will deliver their replies after their plenary meetings in June 2026.

4. It is understood that the European Parliament, as co-legislator, is favourable to reaching agreement with the Council on the proposal as fast as possible, having chosen a simplified procedure.

II. WORK IN THE COUNCIL

5. Within the Council, the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) is responsible for examining the proposal at technical level. The WPE examined the proposal at its meetings on 18 May 2026. Delegations did not suggest any amendments to the Commission proposal that was put forward.

III. CONCLUSION

6. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to agree on a mandate for negotiations with the European Parliament in line with the Commission's proposal, with a view to reaching an agreement at first reading with the European Parliament on that basis.

7. In accordance with the approach to legislative transparency endorsed by Coreper on 14 July 2025, and in full consistency with Regulation (EC) 1049/2001 and the Council's Rules of Procedure, the text of the mandate thus agreed will be made public unless the Permanent Representatives Committee objects.

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