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Subject:	Priority Substances in Water Directive: WPE on 3 September 2024 – Presidency Steering Note

With a view to the WPE on 3 September 2024, delegations will find attached a Presidency Steering Note on Priority Substances in Water Directive.

PRESIDENCY STEERING NOTE

**PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF
THE COUNCIL AMENDING DIRECTIVE 2000/60/EC ESTABLISHING A
FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY ACTION IN THE FIELD OF WATER POLICY,
DIRECTIVE 2006/118/EC ON THE PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER AGAINST
POLLUTION AND DETERIORATION AND DIRECTIVE 2008/105/EC ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY STANDARDS IN THE FIELD OF WATER POLICY
(PRIORITY SUBSTANCES)**

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WORKING PARTY ON ENVIRONMENT, 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Coreper agreed on a mandate on the file 14 June 2024 as set in document ST 11383/24, while the European Parliament adopted its position on 12 September 2023. The position was confirmed by the plenary on 24 April 2024, in order to close Parliament's first reading (document nr: ST 10562/24).

To prepare for the interinstitutional negotiations the meeting of the WPE on 3 September 2024 will focus on the examination of the European Parliament's amendments. The discussions will be structured into 5 clusters, organized in 5 table rounds:

1. Horizontal issues
2. Article 1 – amendments to the Water Framework Directive
3. Article 2 – amendments to the Groundwater Directive
4. Article 3 – amendments to the Environmental Quality Standards Directive
5. Recitals

The Presidency aims to cover the whole proposal and therefore delegations are kindly asked to focus their comments at the meeting on the most important issues in each block as outlined below and send more detailed comments in writing after the meeting. Member States are invited to highlight which elements of the EP's position are acceptable for them and which parts of the Council's mandate are particularly sensitive. The delegations are kindly asked to refer to the number of the EP amendment and the number of the article when presenting their position.

1. HORIZONTAL ISSUES:

Theme	Council	EP amendment
Timeline and procedure of revision of the list of substances	Art 1. (12) Art 2 (7) Art 3(5)	96, 97, 98, 103-106, 117, 118, 122,
Compliance deadlines and mutatis mutandis clause – Transposition deadline	Art 2 (4) aa) Art 3. (2) a) Art 4(1)	142
Joint Monitoring Facility and EPR	Art 1. (6) point 6	94, 95, 132, 133

2. ARTICLE 1 – WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE, ANNEX I & ANNEX II

EP amendments: 56-78, 139-141

Key issues for discussions:

Theme	Council	EP amendment
Definitions	Art 1 (2) (a-d)	57, 58, 59, 60,
Transboundary cooperation	Art 1. (3) , Art 1 (9)	61,70, 71,
Monitoring and reporting	Art 1 (6) , Art 1 (11) Art 1 (13)	64, 65, 66, 72, 74, 75, 76, 77,
Emission control	Art 1 (7) (8)	62, 63 67, 68, 69,
Access to justice		73,
Non deterioration	Art 1; At 1(4a); Art 1(4b)	Not considered in the EP report

3. ARTICLE 2, ANNEX III & IV :

EP amendments: 79 – 93, 99-102, 107, 142-149

Key issues for discussions:

Theme	Council	EP amendment
Watchlist	Art 2. (6)	85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91,
PFAS	Art 2. (7) point 7a), Annex III,	101, 145,
Pharmaceuticals	Annex IV Part D ,	146, 147, 154
Pesticides	Art 2 (5) b), Annex III	144, 148

4. ARTICLE 3, ANNEX V:

EP amendments: 108 -116, 119 – 131, 134-138, 150-156

Key issues for discussions:

Theme	Council	EP amendment
Reporting of emissions	Art 3. (3)	108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113,
Watchlist	Art 3 (7)	126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131,
PFAS	Annex V (35) (65)	120, 153
Pharmaceuticals		154
Priority substances of specific concern	Annex V (3) (4) (9a)(9b)(10)(11)(16)(17)(19)(21)(28) (31)(34)(43) (51) (60)	121, 150, 151, 152
Effect based monitoring	Art 3. (6) point 3 and 4	125

5. RECITALS



EP amendments: 1-55

