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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Working Party on the Environment

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With a view to the meeting of the Working Party on the Environment on 7 September 2023, delegations will find attached a Presidency steering note for the item on Nature Restoration.

Presidency Note
WORKING PARTY ON THE ENVIRONMENT 7 September 2023
Nature Restoration Law

BACKGROUND

- On 22 June 2022, the Commission forward to the Council the proposal for a Regulation on nature restoration.
- The Council adopted a General Approach on the nature restoration Regulation on 20 June 2023.
- The European Parliament adopted its position on the nature restoration Regulation on 14 July 2023, with 336 votes in favour, 300 against and 13 abstentions.
- The kick off trilogue took place on 19 July 2023. Both the Council and the Parliament presented the main elements of their positions and expressed their willingness to reach an agreement.
- A second trilogue is planned to take place on 5 October 2023, and a third one on 16 November 2023.

WPE 7 September

- During the WPE on 7 September, the Presidency will make a debriefing of the 1st trilogue and will respond to questions from delegations.
- Afterwards, the Presidency will present the main elements of the Parliament's position and will invite delegations to give their general opinion in one round of interventions.
- The four-column document has been distributed via the Delegates Portal, as document ST 12495/23.