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With a view to the WPE meeting on 30 January (pm), delegations will find attached a Presidency Steering Note on the INSPIRE Decision.

Working Party on the Environment (WPE) – 30 January 2024

Infrastructure for Spatial Information in the European Community (INSPIRE)

Presidency Steering Note

In its recent Communication on ‘Long-term competitiveness of the EU: looking beyond 2030’, the Commission emphasized the need for a regulatory system ensuring goal attainment at minimal costs. To achieve this, the Commission pledged to streamline reporting requirements, aiming for a 25% reduction while maintaining policy objectives. The Commission has submitted several proposals with the aim of contributing to reach the 25% target of reduction. Also for the BE Presidency this target is a priority,

In that context, it is the intention of the Presidency to advance as much as possible on the INSPIRE proposal. On 30 January, in the working party on the environment, the Commission will present its proposal followed by a discussion. The proposal reduces reporting frequency under Directive 2007/2/EC. Concretely, the proposal aims to shift reporting on a biennial cycle instead of a yearly cycle. This reduction of reporting would also align the reporting frequency in INSPIRE with obligations under Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/138 on High Value Datasets.

Furthermore, **delegations are invited to give their general views and comments on the proposal.** The Presidency would like to know whether the delegations wish to raise any other issues in this directive in relation to the process of administrative burden reduction that could be addressed in further revisions.