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#### **CONTRIBUTION**

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Delegations will find in annex the LV comments on the revised Governance Regulation.

### **Latvian proposal for a new paragraph in the Governance Regulation**

Article 27 of Regulation No 525/2013 provides that the annual GHG emission reduction target (in absolute figures) may be adjusted one time in the period, if due to changes of calculation guidelines (methods, factors, etc.) the GHG emissions and CO<sub>2</sub> removals of MS vary significantly (more than 1%). Latvia objects that the conditions of Article 27 of the Regulation No 525/2013 are not included in the Governance Regulation. Latvia strongly encourage to include the provisions that the targets and the compliance of the targets (GHG emission estimation to determine the fulfilment of the targets) are estimated using the same methodologies to prevent the situation that the MS will be incompliant with the targets just because the methodologies are changed.

These provisions could be included as paragraph 2 in Article 38 of the Governance regulation or as Article 38(bis):

**“The Commission shall examine the impact of any changes with regard to the change in the IPCC guidelines or UNFCCC methodologies used for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories that leads to a difference of more than 1 % in a Member State’s total greenhouse gas emissions relevant for [Article 4 of the ESR], and may revise Member States’ annual emissions allocations as estimated according to [Article 4 of the ESR].”**