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Delegations will find attached a steering note prepared by the Presidency with a view to the WPE meeting on 24 November 2023.

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**Presidency Steering note
WORKING PARTY ON THE ENVIRONMENT
on 24 November 2023
Ambient Air Quality Directive (AAQD)**

**Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast)**

The WPE will begin with information from the Presidency on the first trilogue held with the European Parliament on 16 November 2016.

The meeting will then review the position agreed by the European Parliament at its plenary session held on November 21. The amendments adopted by the EP on 13 September are available on the Parliament's website (https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0318_EN.html). The 4-column document will be distributed separately to delegations as soon as possible.

The discussion will be structured in 6 blocks as outlined below, corresponding to the clusters of articles used in previous WPE discussions on this file. The Presidency suggests focusing the discussion at the meeting on key issues and invites delegations to send their positions on the whole set of EP amendments in writing after the meeting. For the sake of clarity, the Presidency requests delegations to refer to both the amendment number and the corresponding article when speaking (see Annex).

1. CLUSTER 1: Chapter I: GENERAL PROVISIONS (articles 1-6). + related recitals 1-8.

EP AMs (articles): 37, 295, 39, 40, 43, 44, 53, 54-63, 296, 65-67, 68-73

EP AMs (recitals): 1, 293, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

2. CLUSTER 2: Chapter II: ASSESSMENT OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY AND DEPOSITION RATES (articles 7-9) + Annex II: ASSESSMENT TRESHOLDS + Annex III: MINIMUM NUMBERS OF SAMPLING POINTS FOR FIXED MEASUREMENT + Annex IV: ASSESSMENT OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY AND LOCATION OF SAMPLING POINTS + Recitals 8,9,10 and 28.

EP AMs (articles): 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 81.

EP AMs (annexes): 303, 198, 304,305, 199-205, 206, 207-209, 210, 211-222, 223-226, 227-233.

EP AMs (recitals): 9.

3. CLUSTER 3: Chapter II: ASSESSMENT OF AMBIENT AIR QUALITY AND DEPOSITION RATES (art 10-11) + Annex V: DATA QUALITY OBJECTIVES + Annex VI: REFERENCE METHODS FOR ASSESSMENTS OF CONCENTRATIONS IN AMBIENT AIR AND DEPOSITION RATES + Annex VII: MONITORING AT SUPERSITES OF MASS CONCENTRATION AND CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF PM2.5, OZONE PRECURSOR SUBSTANCES AND ULTRAFINE PARTICLES + Related recitals 11, 12,13,14, 26 and 27

AMs (articles): 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87.

AMs (annexes): 306, 234-238, 307-309, 239, 240-242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248-250.

AMs (recitals): 10, 11.

4. CLUSTER 4: Chapter III: AMBIENT AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT (art 12-18) + Annex I: AIR QUALITY STANDARDS + Recitals 16-22, 24, 25, 28, 29 and 30.

EP AMs (articles): 89, 90, 91, 92, 297, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 298, 105-109, 110.

EP AMs (annexes): 300, 330, 185, 301, 30, 186, 187, 188-193, 194-197.

EP AMs (recitals): 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28.

5. CLUSTER 5: Chapter IV: PLANS (articles 19-21) Annex VIII: INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN AIR QUALITY PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN AMBIENT AIR QUALITY and Chapter V: INFORMATION AND REPORTING (articles 22-23) and Annex IX: PUBLIC INFORMATION + Recitals 31-34.

EP AMs (articles): 111, 299, 113, 114, 115-117), 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 129-131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143-145, 146, 147, 148-156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162-164.

EP AMs (annexes): 251-270, 271-284, 285, 286-290, 291.

EP AMs (recitals): 29, 30, 31, 32.

6. CLUSTER 6: Chapter VI: DELEGATED AND IMPLEMENTING ACTS to VII: ACCESS TO JUSTICE, COMPENSATION AND PENALTIES (articles 24-33) + Recitals 38-45.

EP AMs (articles): 165, 166, 167, 168, 170, 171, 172, 173-176, 178, 181, 182, 183, 184.

EP AMs (recitals): 35, 36.

Given the limited time, delegations are kindly asked to focus their comments on the most important issues in each block.

The Presidency invites delegations to submit written comments after the meeting, **no later than 30 November cob**, using the table in the Annex.

ANNEX: Table for comments on the EP AMs

+ = Support

- = Oppose

/ = No comments

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