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As indicated by the Presidency in the information note contained in WK 579/2023, delegations will be invited to provide their initial comments on the definitions set out in Article 4 of the proposal at the WPE meeting on 23 January, but they will also be addressed later in discussions on the relevant articles.

With a view to discussions at upcoming WPE meetings and in particular to facilitate discussion of the definitions, delegations will find attached a table prepared by the Commission services which links each definition to the specific article that it is most directly connected to.

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Mapping Definitions/Articles

Definition	Term used in the following Articles (in bold the one under which the definition might best be discussed)
1. Ambient air	(Article 1) , Article 2, Article 5, Article 8, Article 9, Article 12, Article 15, Article 17, Article 19, Article 23, Article 24, Article 26,
2. Pollutant	(Article 1) , Article 3, Article 7, Article 8, Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, Article 16, Article 18, Article 19, Article 20, Article 22, Article 23
3. Level	Article 1 , Article 5, Article 6, Article 7, Article 8, Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, Article 13, Article 14, Article 16, Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 2, Article 24
4. Total deposition	Article 10 , Article 11 (Annex I)
5. PM ₁₀	Article 7 , Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, Article 13, Article 15, Article 17, Article 18, Article 22
6. PM _{2.5}	Article 7 , Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, Article 13, Article 15, Article 18, Article 22
7. Oxides of nitrogen	Article 7 , Article 9
8. Arsenic, cadmium, nickel and benzo[a]pyrene	Article 7 , Article 9, Article 10, Article 12, Article 13
9. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	(Article 7) , Article 8, Article 10
10. Total gaseous mercury	(Article 7) , Article 10
11. Volatile organic compounds	(Article 7) , Article 9 (Annex VII)
12. Ozone precursor substances	(Article 7) , Article 9
13. Black carbon	(Article 7) , Article 10
14. Ultrafine particles	(Article 7) , Article 8, Article 10
15. Zone	Article 6 , Article 7, Article 8, Article 9, Article 12, Article 13, Article 16, Article 17, Article 18, Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 23
16. Agglomeration	Article 6
17. Assessment	Article 3, Article 5, Article 6, Article 7 , Article 8, Article 9, Article 12, Article 18, Article 22, Article 24
18. Assessment threshold	Article 7 , Article 8, Article 9, Article 12
19. Fixed measurements	Article 8 , Article 9, Article 10
20. Indicative measurements	Article 8 , Article 9, Article 10
21. Objective estimation	Article 8 , Article 9 and 10 (Annex IV and Annex V)
22. Spatial representativeness	Article 8 , Article 9
23. Urban background locations	(Article 8) , Article 10
24. Rural background locations	(Article 8) , Article 10
25. Monitoring supersite	Article 10
26. Limit value	Article 1, Article 8, Article 9, Article 12 , Article 13, Article 16, Article 17, Article 18, Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24
27. Ozone target value	Article 8, Article 9, Article 12 , Article 13, Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24
28. Average exposure indicator	Article 12 and Article 13 (Annex I), Article 19 (Annex VIII)
29. Average exposure reduction obligation	Article 1, Article 12 (Annex I), Article 13, Article 16, Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24

30. Average exposure concentration objective	Article 1, Article 12 , Article 13, Article 24
31. Critical level	Article 1, Article 9, Article 14 , Article 23, Article 24
32. Information threshold	Article 1, Article 9, Article 15 , Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24
33. Alert threshold	Article 1, Article 9, Article 15 , Article 19, Article 20, Article 21, Article 22, Article 23, Article 24
34. Long-term objective	Article 1, Article 12 , Article 24
35. Contribution from natural sources	Article 16 , Article 23
36. Air quality plans	Article 5, Article 18, Article 19 , Article 21, Article 22, Article 24, Article 27
37. Short-term action plans	Article 5, Article 19, Article 20 , Article 21, Article 22
38. The public concerned	Article 27
39. Sensitive population and vulnerable groups	(Article 1) , Article 18, Article 19, Article 20, Article 29
