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## 1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 6545/18.

## 2. **Approval of "A" items**

### **Non-legislative list**

6554/18

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 6554/18 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. A statement related to one of these items is set out in the Addendum.

### **Non-legislative activities**

The Council addressed the following non-legislative discussion items. (3-4)

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| <b>3. Communications on delivering on the Circular Economy Action Plan</b>   | 6155/18         |
| a) <b>European Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy</b>   | 5477/18 + ADD 1 |
| b) <b>Monitoring framework for the Circular Economy</b>  | 5478/18         |
| c) <b>Implementation of the Circular Economy package: options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation</b> | 5479/18         |
| <i>Exchange of views</i>   |                 |
| <b>4. Greening the European Semester</b>   | 6142/18         |
| <i>Exchange of views</i>   |                 |

### **Any other business**

The Council addressed the following any other business items. [5a) - f) and h)]

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| <b>5. a) 21st European Forum on Eco-innovation for Air Quality (Sofia, 5-6 February 2018)</b>  | 6519/18 |
| <i>Information from the Presidency and the Commission</i>                                      |         |
| <b>b) Global Pact for the Environment</b>  | 6512/18 |
| <i>Information from the French delegation, supported by the Luxembourg delegation</i>          |         |
| <b>c) Amsterdam declarations – Eliminate deforestation from supply chains</b>                  | 6528/18 |
| <i>Information from the French, Danish, German, Netherlands and United Kingdom delegations</i> |         |

- d) **Implementation of the Regulation on invasive alien species** 6349/18  
*Information from the Danish, Greek and Lithuanian delegations*
- e) **Commercial trade in raw ivory within the EU** 6563/18  
*Information from the French and the United Kingdom delegations, supported by the Luxembourg delegation*
- f) **Review of the Regulation on Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH)** 6650/18  
*Information from the Commission*
- g) **Current legislative proposal** (*Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union*)
- Regulation on CO<sub>2</sub> standards for cars and vans**   14217/17 + ADD 1  
*Information from the Commission*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission and of the interventions of several delegations.

The Council will revert to the proposal at its next meeting in June.

- h) **Developments regarding shipping and the IMO** 6580/18  
*Information from the Commission*
- i) **24th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 24, Katowice, 3-14 December 2018)** 6422/18  
*Information from the Polish delegation*  
(Public debate in accordance with Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure [requested by the Polish delegation])

The Council took note of the information provided by the Polish delegation as well as of interventions by the Commission and several delegations.

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-  First reading
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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