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from:	General Secretariat
to:	Coreper/Council
No. Cion prop.:	7429/13 ENV 201 ENT 76 ONU 21 - COM(2013) 134 final
Subject:	COUNCIL DECISION on the position to be taken, on behalf of the European Union, at the Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants with regard to the proposal for an amendment to Annexes A and B
	- Adoption
	COMMON GUIDELINES
	Consultation deadline: 19.04.2013

1. The Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) was adopted in May 2001. The European Union and its Member States are parties to the Convention and the provisions of the Convention have been implemented in Union law by Regulation (EC) 850/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on persistent organics pollutants and amending Directive 79/117/EEC.

2. On 12 March 2013, the <u>Commission</u> submitted to <u>Council</u> a proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the European Union with regard to proposals for amending Annexes A and B to the Stockholm Convention at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Geneva, 28 April - 10 May 2013).

3. On 13 March the <u>Working Party on International Environmental Issues</u> (WPIEI) examined the Commission proposal; on 26 March 2013, the <u>Working Party on the Environment</u> (WPE) considered a <u>Presidency</u> draft of the Council Decision based on the Commission proposal.
   The text resulting from those discussions and as set out in the JL document 8035/13 is acceptable to all delegations.

4. The <u>Committee of Permanent Representatives</u> is invited to recommend that the <u>Council</u> adopts the Decision as set out in the JL document 8035/13 as an "A" item at its meeting on 22 April 2013 in time for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

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