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LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS

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Interinstitutional file: 2012/0288 (COD)

– Progress report

15189/12 ENV 789 ENER 417 ENT 257 TRANS 346 AGRI 686
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10207/13 ENV 475 ENER 236 ENT 146 TRANS 280 AGRI 345 POLGEN 86
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The Council took note of the Progress report set out in doc. 10207/13.

AT made a statement as set out hereafter.

Statement by Austria

"Austria would like to express her concerns that there is so far no solution for mutual recognition of certification systems on sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids for the harvest 2013. With the harvesting period of this year rapidly approaching there is an urgent need for a decision by the European Commission which is acceptable and applicable for all participants in the market.

In order to guarantee a further well-functioning of the internal market we want to appeal to the European Commission to decide urgently on an acceptable solution, which allows for a fluent shift for the certificates from one system to another. Austria remains open for every approach. However, if no solution can be found before the start of the harvesting period, we would have to consider steps that allow our producers to apply their valid certificates from our national system, which guarantee the sustainability of the raw materials."