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THE EUROPEAN UNION**

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**“I/A” ITEM NOTE**

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from: General Secretariat  
to: Coreper/Council

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Subject: COUNCIL DECISION on the submission by the European Union of an amendment to Appendix III of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)  
- Adoption

**COMMON GUIDELINES**

**Consultation deadline for Croatia: 23.5.2012**

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1. On 14 February 2012, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision on the submission by the European Union of an amendment of Appendix III to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).<sup>1</sup>
2. On 2 April 2012, the Commission presented this proposal to the Working Party on the Environment.

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<sup>1</sup> 6516/12.

3. On 24 April, the Presidency circulated a draft Decision drawn up on the basis of the discussion at WPE and the written comments received from delegations and invited delegations to submit any comments by 26 April 2012<sup>2</sup>. The draft Decision would thereafter be forwarded to Coreper/Council for adoption, following its legal-linguistic finalisation.
  
4. Since no comments were received by the above date, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend that the Council adopt this Decision, as finalised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts and set out in 9494/12\*, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> 9118/12.

\* The document will be available on 22 May 2012.