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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision amending Decision No 529/2013/EU to include reference levels for forest management, minimum values for the definition of forest and base year of emissions for the Republic of Croatia
- Adoption

1. On 14 January 2016, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal¹ for a Council Decision amending Decision No 529/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council² to include reference levels for forest management, minimum values for the definition of forest and base year of emissions for the Republic of Croatia.

¹ Doc. 5255/16.

² Decision No 529/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 May 2013 on accounting rules on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities relating to land use, land-use change and forestry and on information concerning actions relating to those activities, OJ L 165, 18.6.2013, p. 80.

2. The proposal is based on Article 50 of the Act of Accession of Croatia³ and provides for the necessary technical adaptations to Decision No 529/2013/EU by reason of the accession of Croatia to the European Union. Article 50 of the Act of Accession provides that where acts of the institutions adopted prior to accession require adaptation by reason of accession, and the necessary adaptations have not been provided for in the Act or its Annexes, the Council, acting by qualified majority on a proposal from the Commission, or the Commission, if the original act was adopted by the Commission, shall, to this end, adopt the necessary acts.
3. Decision No 529/2013/EU sets Member State reference levels for forest management, minimum values for the definition of forest and base year or period of emissions in its Annexes II, V and VI, respectively. Following the accession of Croatia to the EU, the specific reference level, values for the definition of forest and base year for Croatia should also be included in Annexes II, V and VI to Decision No 529/2013/EU, respectively.
4. At its meeting on 2 February 2016, the Working Party on the Environment (WPE) examined the proposal and agreed on the text, as set out in doc. 5870/16 following revision by the Legal/Linguistic experts.
5. In the light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the WPE and recommend that the Council, as an "A" item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, adopt the text of the proposed Council Decision, as set out in doc. 5870/16 (text revised by the Legal/Linguistic Experts).
6. Following adoption, the Decision will be published in the *Official Journal* pursuant to Article 17(2)(b) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

³ OJ L 112, 24.04.2012, p. 34.