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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 12422/19.

2. Approval of "A" items

Non-legislative list

12498/19

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 12498/19 including COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

For the following items the documents should read as follows:

Delegated or Implementing Acts

Employment and Social Policy

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| 15. | Commission Directive (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes I, II and III to Council Directive 89/656/EEC as regards purely technical adjustments
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i>
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 25.09.2019 | 12249/1/19 REV 1
11229/19 + ADD 1
+ REV 1 (de)
+ ADD 1 REV1 (de)
SOC |
| 17. | Commission Directive (EU) .../... of XXX establishing a fifth list of indicative occupational exposure limit values pursuant to Council Directive 98/24/EC and amending Commission Directive 2000/39/EC
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i>
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 25.09.2019 | 12251/19
11231/19 + ADD 1
+ REV 1 (sl)
+ ADD 1 REV1 (sl)
SOC |
| 18. | Commission Directive (EU) .../... of XXX amending Annexes I, III, V and VI to Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards purely technical adjustments
<i>Decision not to oppose adoption</i>
approved by Coreper, Part 1, on 25.09.2019 | 12252/1/19 REV 1
11232/19 + ADD 1
+ ADD 1 REV1 (de)
SOC |

Non-legislative activities

(Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure))

3. **Conclusions on the preparations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meetings (Santiago de Chile, 2-13 December 2019)** 12528/19

Adoption

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 12796/1/19 REV 1.

4. **Clean Planet for all: EU's strategic long-term vision for a climate neutral economy** 12309/19
15011/18

Policy debate

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of two questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in doc. 12309/19.

5. **Conclusions on "More circularity - Transition to a sustainable society"** 12484/19

Adoption

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 12791/19.

6. **Conclusions on "The 8th Environment Action Programme - Turning the Trends Together"** 12560/19

Adoption

The Council adopted the conclusions as set out in doc. 12795/19 and took note of the written statement by Luxembourg, supported by Germany and Austria, as set out in the Annex.

Any other business

7. a) **Transition to a fleet of zero-emission passenger cars – a necessity for a climate neutral EU by 2050 at the latest** 12545/1/19 REV 1
Information from the Danish delegation, supported by the Luxembourg delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Danish and Luxembourg delegations, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- b) **Current legislative proposals** (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union) 12509/19
10347/19 + ADD 1
- i) **Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 715/2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with respect to emissions from light passenger and commercial vehicles (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information**
Information from the Presidency


The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and comments made by other delegations and the Commission.

- ii) **Regulation on sustainable finance - taxonomy** 12527/19
9355/18
Information from the German, Luxembourg and Austrian delegations


The Council took note of the information provided the German, Luxembourg and Austrian delegations, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- c) **Communication on stepping up EU action to protect and restore the world's forests** 11449/1/19 REV 1
+ REV 1 ADD 2
+ REV 1 ADD 3
Information from the Commission




The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- d) **Report on main recent international meeting - 18th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP18) to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) (Geneva, 17-28 August 2019)**  12537/19
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

- e) **The 7th High-Level Dialogue Conference of the China-Europe Water Platform (Guimarães, 6-9 November 2019)**  12504/19
Information from the Portuguese delegation

The Council took note of the information provided by the Portuguese delegation.

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-  First reading
-  Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
-  Item based on a Commission proposal
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Statements to the "B" items set out in 12422/19

Ad "B" item 6: **Conclusions on "The 8th Environment Action Programme - Turning the Trends Together"**
Adoption

STATEMENT BY LUXEMBOURG, supported by GERMANY AND AUSTRIA

"It is Luxembourg's understanding that the words "green transition" in the conclusions, which it supports, mean a transition to a climate neutral, resource-efficient, safe and sustainable economy."
