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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 28 October 2021 the Commission sent its proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 8 December 2021².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 4 October 2022 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council³.

¹ Docs 13349/21 + ADD 1 to 5.

² OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 197–197.

³ Doc. 13075/22.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 39/22, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
