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Statement by Austria, Belgium and Luxemburg

Sustainable Aviation Fuels will play a key role in the decarbonisation of the aviation sector and in reaching the set emission reduction goals. We have therefore always advocated for ambitious targets and a swift finalization of this important dossier throughout the legislative process. In this context, we have always been very outspoken against the inclusion of low carbon synthetic fuels and low carbon hydrogen, as these fuels stand in a stark contrast with reaching the emission reduction goals, while also not being aligned with the Renewable Energy Directive definitions.

Austria, Belgium and Luxemburg expressly regret the inclusion of "synthetic low-carbon fuels" and "low-carbon hydrogen". In the spirit of compromise, however, we can agree to the compromise text.
