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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 on nature restoration and amending Regulation (EU) 2022/869 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 22 June 2022, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192(1) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 25 January 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 9 February 2023³.
4. On 27 February 2024, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal⁴. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 10607/22 + ADD 1 to 15.
² OJ C 140, 21.4.2023, p. 46.
³ OJ C 157, 3.5.2023, p. 38.
⁴ 6985/24.

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 74/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Finland and Sweden voting against and Belgium and Austria abstaining.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in ADD 1 REV 2 to this note.
7. 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*.
