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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on ambient air quality and cleaner air for Europe (recast) (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 26 October 2022 the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 192 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 22 February 2023².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 5 July 2023³.

¹ 14217/22 + ADD 1 to 8.

² OJ C 146, 27.4.2023, p. 46.

³ OJ C, C/2023/251, 26.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2023/251/oj>.

4. On 24 April 2024 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal (without legal linguistic revision). After finalisation of the adopted text by the legal linguists, the Parliament approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session of 16 to 19 September 2024. It reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.
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 88/24, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria and Malta abstaining.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum 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*.

⁴ 13396/24.