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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
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Subject:	Establishment of a "Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency. Towards Just Transitions" - Approval of entering into negotiations

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1. On 30 June 2020, the Commission submitted to the Council an Information Note<sup>1</sup> setting out its intention to establish a "Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency. Towards Just Transitions" as a non-binding instrument containing political commitments<sup>2</sup>, and seeking the approval of the Council to enter into negotiations on this project.
2. The Note from the Commission was examined by the members of the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) in an informal videoconference on 2 September 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Included in doc. 9232/20.

<sup>2</sup> Based on the Arrangements for Non-Binding Instruments agreed by the Council, the Commission and the EEAS in December 2017 (Doc. 15367/17).

3. Both the Working Party on the Environment and the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) agreed by means of written consultations on 10 September 2020 to submit the request of the Commission to Coreper and to Council for approval .
  4. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's approval to conclude the "Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency. Towards Just Transitions" on behalf of the EU.
  5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to confirm the agreement reached by the Working Party on the Environment and the Working Party on International Environment Issues (Global) and to suggest that the Council approves the request of the Commission to enter into negotiations on a "Global Alliance on Circular Economy and Resource Efficiency. Towards Just Transitions".
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