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

Subject: Attendance of the European Court of Auditors at the informal
videoconference of the Working Party on the Environment on
3 September 2021
- Approval

1. On 5 July 2021, the European Court of Auditors published Special Report No 12/2021 entitled "The Polluter Pays Principle: Inconsistent application across EU environmental policies and actions"¹.
2. On 22 July 2021, the Permanent Representatives Committee instructed the Working Party on the Environment to examine the report ² in accordance with the rules laid down in the Council conclusions on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors ³.
3. The Presidency considers that it is in the interest of the Council to allow the European Court of Auditors to present its findings to the Working Party on the Environment and to provide delegations with the opportunity to ask questions on the report before proceeding to its discussion.

¹ This special report is available in 23 EU languages on the Court's website:
<http://eca.europa.eu>.

² 10758/21

³ 7515/00 FIN 127 + COR 1

4. The Presidency therefore intends to invite a representative of the European Court of Auditors to attend the informal videoconference of the Working Party on the Environment on 3 September 2021 (pm only).
 5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to approve this attendance, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Council's Rules of Procedure.
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