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## 1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in 7004/22.

## 2. Approval of 'A' items

### Non-legislative list

7020/22

The Council adopted the "A" items listed in 7020/22, including COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Addendum.

## Legislative deliberations

(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)

## 3. Fit for 55 package




6668/2/22 REV 2

- (a) **Revision of Directive (EU) 2003/87/EC establishing a system for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading (ETS)**
- (b) **Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/842 on binding annual greenhouse gas emission reductions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 (ESR)**
- (c) **Revision of Regulation (EU) 2018/841 on greenhouse gas emissions and removals from land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)**
- (d) **Revision of Regulation (EU) 2019/631 setting CO<sub>2</sub> emission performance standards for new passenger cars and for new light commercial vehicles**
- (e) **Regulation establishing a Social Climate Fund**  
*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on the Fit for 55 package on the basis of questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in 6668/2/22 REV 2.

4. **Regulation concerning batteries and waste batteries, repealing Directive 2006/66/EC and amending Regulation (EU) No 2019/1020**  7103/1/22 REV 1  
*General approach*

The Council agreed on a general approach on the Batteries Regulation, as set out in the Annex of document 7317/22.


5. **Regulation on the making available on the Union market as well as export from the Union of certain commodities and products associated with deforestation and forest degradation**  6464/22  
*Policy debate*

The Council held a policy debate on the Deforestation Regulation on the basis of questions prepared by the Presidency, as set out in 6464/22.

### Non-legislative activities

6. Greening the European Semester 6691/22  
*Exchange of views*

### Any other business

7. (a) **Current legislative proposals**   
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- (i) **Regulation amending Annexes IV and V to Regulation (EU) 2019/1021 on persistent organic pollutants (POPs)** 13349/21 + ADD 1  
*Information from the Presidency*

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency, as well as the intervention by the Commission.

- (b) **Celebrating the anniversary of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention): 30 years of fruitful cooperation on water (Tallinn, Estonia, 30 June 2022)** [2] 6866/22  
*Information from the Estonian and Finnish delegations*  
The Council took note of the information provided by the Estonian and Finnish delegations.
- (a) **(cont.) Current legislative proposals** [1] [C]  
(Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)
- (ii) **Directive replacing Directive 2008/99/EC on the protection of the environment through criminal law** 14459/21 + COR 1  
*Information from the Commission*  
The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations.
- (c) **Second segment of the fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-5.2) (Nairobi, 28 February - 2 March 2022)** [2] 7119/22  
*Information from the Presidency and the Commission*  
The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission, as well as the interventions from other delegations.
- (d) **Ratification of multilateral environmental agreements (MEAs) – an updated call for urgent action** 7157/22  
*Information from the Commission*

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- [1] First reading
- [C] Item based on a Commission proposal
- [2] Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)
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