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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 amending Council Directive 92/43/EEC as regards the protection status of the wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>) (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 7 March 2025, 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 30 April 2025².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 8 May 2025, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the agreement reached between the institutions on taking over the Commission proposal and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 7018/25.

² Not yet published in the Official Journal.

³ 8850/25.

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 8/25, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Belgium, Spain and Poland abstaining.
6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is 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*.
