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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Environment)
25 June 2026

1. **Adoption of the agenda**

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 10870/26.

2. **Approval of "A" items**

a) **Non-legislative list**

10938/26

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption.

Statement to this item is set out in the Addendum.

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

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Foreign Affairs

1. **Regulation on the adjustment of customs duties and opening of tariff quotas related to the import of certain goods originating in the US**



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PE-CONS 32/26
POLCOM

Adoption of the legislative act

approved by Coreper, Part 2, on 24.06.2026

The Council approved the European Parliament's position at first reading and the proposed act has been adopted pursuant to Article 294(4) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (legal basis: Article 207(2) TFEU).

A joint statement by the European Parliament and the Commission as well as a statement by the Commission to this item are set out in the Annex.

2. **Regulation on the non-application of customs duties on imports of certain goods**



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PE-CONS 31/26
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Legislative deliberations

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

3. **Amendment of the Regulation on CO₂ emission standards for cars and vans**  10065/1/26 REV 1
Progress report

The Council took note of the Presidency's progress report, as set out in the document above.

Non-legislative activities

4. **Water Resilience Strategy - One year after: state of play and the way forward**  10288/1/26 REV 1
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views based on the note prepared by the Presidency, as set out in the document above.

5. **Nature, Business and Competitiveness: Managing the Risks of Biodiversity Loss**  10286/26
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views based on the note prepared by the Presidency, as set out in the document above.

6. **REACH Regulation: the way forward**  10294/26
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views based on the note prepared by the Presidency, as set out in the document above.

Any other business

7. a) Ahead of COP 31: Actions to strengthen the EU's negotiating position in international climate meetings – Cyprus Presidency stocktaking 10675/26
Information by the Presidency
- b) High-voltage switchgear - Action needed for a strong and secure European power electricity grid 10693/1/26 REV 1
Information from Italy, Bulgaria and the Czech Republic

- c) **Results of 34 years of implementation of the LIFE Regulation and outlook**  10548/1/26 REV 1
Information from Austria, Italy, Luxembourg and Spain

The Council took note of the information provided by Austria, Italy, Luxembourg and Spain, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- d) **Information on the MED9 Meeting of Environment Ministers (Šibenik, Croatia, 18–19 May 2026) - Water Supply Resilience and Marine Environment Protection**  10918/26
Information from Croatia

The Council took note of the information provided by Croatia.

- e) **Report on a main recent international meeting:** 
Fifteenth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (COP15) 10878/26
(Campo Grande, Brazil, 23-29 March 2026)
Information from the Presidency and the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Presidency and the Commission.

- f) **The 17th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP17)**  10879/26
(Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 17–28 August 2026)
Information from the Commission

The Council took note of the information provided by the Commission.

- g) **Addressing implementation challenges of the packaging and packaging waste Regulation**  10712/1/26 REV 1
Information from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

- h) Negotiations on the International Treaty on Plastic Pollution**  10949/26
Information from France

The Council took note of the information provided by France, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- i) Need for European coordination in combating invasive alien species and preventing their spread**  10911/26
Information from France

The Council took note of the information provided by France, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- j) Tackling ultra-fast fashion: Call for a coordinated EU approach**  10797/1/26 REV 1
Information from Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands and Slovenia

The Council took note of the information provided by Germany, Denmark, France, the Netherlands and Slovenia, as well as the interventions by other delegations.

- k) Benelux non-paper on the upcoming Circular Economy Act**  10993/26
Information from Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

The Council took note of the information provided by Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

- l) Current legislative proposals (Public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)** 

**Accelerating Permitting Procedures:
Call for Greater Consistency Between Energy Sector
Provisions and the Environmental Omnibus** 11052/26
Information by France

The Council took note of the information provided by France.

- m) **Implementing the global stocktake: results and follow-up of the first Conference on the Transition Away from Fossil Fuels**
Information from the Netherlands



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The Council took note of the information provided by the Netherlands.

- n) **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**
Information from Ireland



The Council took note of the information provided by Ireland.



First reading



Item based on a Commission proposal



Public debate proposed by the Presidency (Article 8(2) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)

Statements to the legislative "A" items set out in doc. 10940/26

Ad "A" item 1:

Regulation on the adjustment of customs duties and opening of tariff quotas related to the import of certain goods originating in the US
Adoption of the legislative act

JOINT STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMISSION
on the safeguard mechanism under Regulation (EU) 2026/... on the adjustment of customs duties on imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America and opening of tariff quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America

“The Commission recognises the importance placed by the European Parliament on following closely the implementation of this Regulation as regards the safeguard mechanism allowing for the suspension of preferences granted to the United States. To that end, should the European Parliament recommend that the Commission initiates a safeguard investigation, the Commission will carefully assess whether the circumstances justify an *ex officio* initiation of an investigation and inform the European Parliament of the outcome of its assessment.”

STATEMENT BY THE COMMISSION

on implementing acts under Regulation (EU) 2026/... on the adjustment of customs duties on imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America and opening of tariff quotas for imports of certain goods originating in the United States of America

“The Commission will keep the European Parliament regularly informed and take utmost account of the European Parliament's views before proposing an implementing act under this Regulation.”
