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CORRIGENDUM to the ADDENDUM to DRAFT MINUTES

**Subject: 3103rd meeting of the Council of the European Union (ENVIRONMENT), held
in Luxembourg on 21 June 2011**

In document 11899/11 ADD 1, page 6, item 6 should read :

**6. Protection of water resources and integrated sustainable water management in the
European Union and beyond**

(Public debate pursuant to Article 8(2) CRP [proposed by the Presidency])

- Adoption of Council conclusions
- Exchange of views

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The Council adopted the conclusions contained in document 11308/11.

The Commission expressed its strong support for the Council Conclusions, considering the text well balanced and in line with Commission's intentions.

The Council also discussed the expectations regarding the upcoming Blueprint to Safeguard Europe's Water Resources, scheduled by the Commission for 2012.

Most delegations called upon an integration of water policy objectives in other areas (in particular the CAP).

Some delegations highlighted the need to harmonize what already exists rather than create new legislative instruments. They also underlined prevention activities with regard to extreme events (notably as far as drought and floods are concerned).

Many delegations urged that regional differences be taken into account, while others commented on the need for adequate instruments and financial mechanisms.

Statement by Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania :

"The negotiations on the international river basin management agreements between Latvia, Lithuania and the Commission on the one hand and Belarus and the Russian Federation on the other hand, have not been in progress since 2007. We regard these agreements as highly necessary in order to improve coordination of the river basin management and to enhance data and information exchange. Therefore we are seeking the ways to lead the negotiations to a successful conclusion. The problems that have occurred during the negotiations cannot be solved at Member States' level.

Recalling the negotiating directives of the Council Decision of 27 June 2006, we encourage the Commission to report to the Council on the outcome of the negotiations and, where appropriate, on any problems that may arise during this process."

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