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Subject: 3173rd meeting of the COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
(**ENVIRONMENT**)

Date: Monday 11 June 2012 (9:30)

Venue: **KIRCHBERG building**

**Conference Centre**

**4, place de l'Europe, 1499 LUXEMBOURG**

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1. Adoption of the agenda

**Legislative deliberations**

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

2. (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
3. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on accounting rules and action plans on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities related to land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) (**First reading**)
  - Orientation debate  
7639/12 ENV 204 ONU 34 FORETS 23 AGRI 144 CODEC 655

4. (poss.) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council of amending Directive 2006/66/EC on batteries and accumulators and waste batteries and accumulators as regards the placing on the market of portable batteries and accumulators containing cadmium intended for use in cordless power tools (**First reading**)
  - (poss.) General approach  
8245/12 ENV 247 ENT 71 CODEC 845
  
5. (poss.) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2001/18/EC as regards the possibility for the Member States to restrict or prohibit the cultivation of GMOs in their territory (**Second reading**) (\*)  
(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Article 114 of the TFEU)
  - (poss.) Political agreement  
12371/10 ENV 499 AGRILEG 100 AGRI 271 MI 254 DENLEG 71  
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#### **Non-legislative activities**

6. (poss.) Approval of the list of "A" items
  
7. Setting the framework for a 7th EU Environment Action Programme
  - Adoption of Council conclusions
  
8. Biological Diversity and Biosafety
  - (a) Preparation of the 11th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Hyderabad, India, 8-19 October 2012)
  
  - (b) Preparation of the 6th meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP/MOP 6) (Hyderabad, India, 1-5 October 2012)
  - Adoption of Council conclusions

9. International Management of Chemicals

Preparation of the International Conference on Chemicals Management (SAICM ICCM3) (Nairobi, Kenya, 17-21 September 2012) and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Mercury (INC 4) (Punta del Este, Uruguay, 27 June-2 July 2012)

- Adoption of Council conclusions

10. Roadmap for transition to a competitive low-carbon economy up to 2050

- Report from the Presidency on the state of play
- (poss.) Adoption of Council conclusions

**Any other business**

11. (a) Preparation of the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012)

- Information from the Presidency and the Commission on the state of play

(b) Current legislative proposals

- (i) Proposal for a Directive on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy (priority substances)
- (ii) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a Programme for the Environment and Climate Action (LIFE)

- Information from the Presidency

(c) ETS/aviation

- Information from the Commission

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(d) Work programme of the incoming Presidency

- Information from the Cypriot delegation

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(\*) Item on which a vote may be requested.

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