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NON-LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

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3. Greening the European semester and the Europe 2020 Strategy - Mid-term review

- Adoption of Council conclusions

14200/14 ENV 827 ECOFIN 907 SOC 682 COMPET 567 EDUC 304 ENER 428
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Following an exchange of view, the Council adopted the conclusions on the basis of a Presidency compromise text. The conclusions are set out in the Annex to doc. 14731/14. After adoption of the conclusions, Germany presented a statement as set out below.

Statement by Germany

"Germany believes that resource efficiency should be accorded greater importance in the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy. However, it holds the view that the Europe 2020 strategy must remain focused and, therefore, the number of headline targets shall not be increased. It emphasizes its understanding that any new non-binding targets at EU level on resource efficiency will not have the character of Europe 2020 headline targets."

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Interinstitutional file: 2014/0201 (COD)

- Orientation debate

11598/14 ENV 655 COMPET 439 SAN 275 MI 520 IND 204 CONSOM 143
ENT 153 CODEC 1570

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The Council held an orientation debate on the proposal for a Directive amending six waste-related Directive.

In general, delegations welcomed the thrust behind the Commission's proposal however most of them questioned the proposed targets for recycling, reuse and landfilling as they doubt that these are achievable within the proposed timeframes and that they take into account the different circumstances within individual Member States.

The Early Warning System was generally welcomed however, many delegations called for further work in order to reduce the administrative and financial burdens. A few also added that it should serve as a support system to those Member States lagging behind and to include the possibility for Member States to extend the agreed deadlines for achieving the targets.

Delegations also welcomed the proposed move to harmonise minimum requirements for extended producers responsibility schemes, however many called for more flexibility to allow Member States to take into account their specific circumstances. Finally, a number of delegations also asked to take more into account the entire life-cycle of the product including waste prevention.
