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Delegations will find attached the Czech Presidency Flash note dedicated to the EEA legislative proposal, in view of the upcoming Working Party on Statistics scheduled on 25 November 2022.

Presidency Flash

Prague, 17 November 2022

Meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics, 25 November 2022, Brussels

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the fifth meeting of the Council Working Party on Statistics (CWPS) under the Czech Presidency, which will take place on Friday, 25 November in Brussels (Justus Lipsius Building). The meeting will start at 10:00 and it will be chaired by the President of the Czech Statistical Office, Mr Marek Rojíček.

The whole meeting will be dedicated to the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 as regards introducing new environmental economic accounts modules. The Presidency's objective is to make the maximum progress possible for finalising the compromise wording for all three Annexes.

At the last meeting, the Presidency presented a draft compromise text for Annex VIII (environmental subsidies and similar transfers accounts), and also Annex IX (ecosystem accounts). In response to some unresolved issues, the Presidency drafted a simple questionnaire regarding the first reference year and reporting periodicity in Annex IX. This questionnaire was distributed on 14 November 2022 with a deadline of completion on 21 November 2022. The Presidency would like to thank all delegations for their active participation at the last meeting of CWPS and responses to the questionnaire.

The agenda of the upcoming meeting will, therefore, consist of a further discussion concerning the questions and open issues in Annex IX and a discussion on a draft compromise text for Annex VII (forest accounts). The Presidency also prepared the second compromise text for the main text (i.e. recitals and articles) based on the written comments and the discussion held at the CWPS meeting on 7 October and, time permitting, aims to discuss it as well.

As was the case with the other Annexes, the Presidency intends to have a line-by-line discussion during this meeting. Delegations will receive the Presidency compromise proposals in advance and they will be invited to share their views on the compromise text at the meeting. The Presidency is also ready to request further clarifications from the European Commission on some of the issues that were raised at the last CWPS meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Brussels.

The Czech Presidency Team in Statistics