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<sup>1</sup> Information concerning the final adoption of Council acts which may be released to the public may be found in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

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1. **Adoption of the agenda**  
14158/08 OJ/CONS 56 ENV 668

The Council adopted the above agenda with the exception of item 7 "Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the sustainable consumption and production and sustainable industrial policy action plan", which was withdrawn from the agenda.

2. **Approval of the list of "A" items**  
14164/08 PTS A 48

The Council approved the "A" items listed in 14164/08 with the exception of item 8.

Information relating to items 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 is set out in Addendum 1 to these minutes.

The documents in items 13 and 17 should read as follows:

**Item 13:** docs PE-CONS 3646/08 ENV 411 CODEC 871  
+ **COR 1 (fr)**  
+ REV 1 (pt)  
+ REV 2 (da)  
+ REV 3 (es)  
+ REV 4 (fi)  
13635/08 CODEC 1245 ENV 619  
+ ADD 1  
+ ADD 1 REV 1 (fr)  
+ COR 1

**Item 17:** docs PE-CONS 3642/08 STATIS 73 AGRI 154 CODEC 655  
+ COR 1 (el)  
+ COR 2 (pl)  
9531/07 STATIS 62 AGRI 153 CODEC 513

3. **Climate energy legislative package**

- Presidency progress report  
14395/08 ENV 696 ENER 336 IND 138 COMPET 397 MI 373 ECOFIN 428  
TRANS 334 AVIATION 233 AGRI 329 CODEC 1347

The Presidency presented the state of play on the climate energy legislative package.

The Council held an exchange of views on the following issues of the package: carbon leakage, auctioning in the power sector, earmarking of auctioning proceeds, CCS financing.

4. **Climate change**

- **Preparation for the 14th Conference of the Parties (COP 14) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the 4th meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 4) (Poznan, 1 to 12 December 2008), including financing of action to tackle climate change**
  - = Adoption of Council conclusions
  - = Policy debate
  - = Oral presentation by the Commission of the communication on deforestation  
14017/08 ENV 658 ENER 320 FISC 127 DEVGEN 175 TRANS 324  
FORETS 52 AVIATION 223 MAR 162 ONU 84  
14160/1/08 ENV 670 ENER 329 FISC 129 DEVGEN 179 TRANS 327  
FORETS 53 ONU 86 ECOFIN 407 REV 1

The Council adopted the conclusions contained in 14562/08.

5. **Genetically modified organisms**

- Policy debate  
14267/08 AGRILEG 175 ENV 684

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of a Presidency document (14267/08). Some delegations provided written contributions, which are set out in 14585/08.

6. **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning trade in seal products**

- Policy debate  
(public deliberation under Article 8(1)(c) of the Council's Rules of Procedure)  
12604/08 ENV 508 AGRI 257 MI 285 COMER 163 CODEC 1044  
+ REV 1 (fr)  
+ ADD 2  
13946/08 ENV 650 AGRI 314 MI 353 COMER 186 CODEC 1281

The Council held a policy debate on the basis of the questions proposed by the Presidency as set out in 13946/08.

7. **Preparation for the Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Water (Jordan, 29 October 2008)**

- Adoption of the annex to the Euro-Mediterranean declaration on water  
(Barcelona process: Union for the Mediterranean: water proposals annexed to the declaration)  
14096/1/08 MED 69 ENV 665 REV 1

The Council adopted the text as set out in the abovementioned document.

8. **Any Other Business**

(a) **Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council setting emission performance standards for new passenger cars as part of the Community's integrated approach to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from light-duty vehicles**

- Requested by the Netherlands delegation  
5089/08 ENV 4 ENT 1 CODEC 8  
+ ADD 2  
14316/08 ENV 691 ENT 251 CODEC 1336

Several delegations and the Commission intervened in particular on three issues: the long-term objective, the volume phase-in and the excess premium.

**(b) Communication and legislative proposal to prevent marketing in the EU of unlawfully harvested timber and timber products**

- Information from the Commission

The Commission informed the Council about the recently adopted communication.

**(c) EU-Africa climate meeting (Algiers, 20 November 2008)**

- Information from the Presidency

The President informed the Council about the forthcoming meeting.

**(d) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for the protection of soil and amending Directive 2004/35/EC**

- Information from the Presidency  
13388/06 ENV 495 AGRI 305 DEVGEN 232 FORETS 32 FSTR 64  
RECH 242 REGIO 53 TRANS 246 CODEC 1012  
14231/08 ENV 678 AGRI 322 DEVGEN 180 FORETS 54 FSTR 23  
RECH 307 REGIO 28 TRANS 329 CODEC 1319

The President drew the attention of the Council to the Presidency's progress report as set out in 14231/08.

**(e) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on substances that deplete the ozone layer (Recast)**

- Presentation by the Commission  
12832/08 ENV 539 CODEC 1080  
+ ADD 1

The Commission presented its proposal to the Council. The President indicated that work in the Council Working Party would start soon.

**(f) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control) (Recast)**

- Progress report  
5088/08 ENV 3 CODEC 7  
+ ADD 2  
13722/08 ENV 628 CODEC 1257

The President drew the Council's attention to the progress report by the Presidency.

**(g) CAP health check**

- Information from the Presidency  
14428/08 ENV 699 AGRI 330 AGRISTR 24 AGRIORG 106

The President drew the attention of the Council to the Presidency's work programme and the intention to reach agreement at the Agriculture Council on 17/19 November.

**(h) Réunion Conference on Europe's overseas areas faced with climate change and loss of biodiversity**

- Information from the Presidency  
14425/08 ENV 698 DEVGEN 185

The President drew the attention of the Council to the Presidency's information note.

**(i) GMES (global monitoring for environment and security) services**

- Information from the Presidency  
14432/08 ENV 700 RECH 312 PROCIV 145

The President drew the attention of the Council to the Presidency's information note and confirmed the Presidency's intention to have conclusions adopted by the Competitiveness Council on 1/2 December.



- (j) **Outcome of the Conference on soil and climate change (Brussels, 12 June 2008)**  
– Information from the Commission  
14297/08 ENV 688 AGRI 324 FORETS 55

The President drew the attention of the Council to the Commission's information note.

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