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Brussels, 18 December 2007

2842th ENVIRONMENT Council meeting

Brussels, 20 December 2007

Justus Lipsius Building
Press Centre

PUBLIC DEBATES AND DELIBERATIONS¹

(+10.15)

The deliberations concern the following A items (without discussion):

Proposal for a Directive on waste

- Adoption of the common position

Proposal for a regulation on the banning of exports and the safe storage of metallic mercury

- Adoption of the common position

Proposal for a Directive on environmental quality standards in the field of water policy

- Adoption of the common position

¹ All Council deliberations under the co-decision procedure are open to the public.
The Council's first deliberations on important legislative acts other than those adopted by co-decision are open to the public.
The Council regularly holds public debates on important issues affecting the interests of the Union and its citizens, as well as policy debates on the Council's programmes.

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The deliberations concern the following B items (with discussion):

Proposal for a Directive establishing a framework for the **protection of soil**

- Political agreement

Proposal for a Directive **including aviation activities in the scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading** within the Community

- Political agreement

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Depending on progress in the meeting, the public deliberations might resume after lunch.

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