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to the

Recommendation for a Council Decision

authorising the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the revision of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012 (Gothenburg Protocol)

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Directives for the negotiation of the revision of the Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, as amended in 2012 (Gothenburg Protocol).

1. The Commission should endeavour to ensure that any revision of the Protocol and its application is consistent with relevant European Union legislation and policies and other international agreements, including relevant multilateral environmental agreements in the field of air pollution, digital and green transition, security and resilience.
2. The Commission shall ensure that the envisaged revision of the Protocol still contain appropriate provisions allowing the Union to be a Party thereto.
3. The Commission reports to the special committee of the Council on the outcome of the negotiations and, where appropriate, on any problem that may arise during the negotiations.
4. The revision should be based on the precautionary principle and on the principles that preventive action should be taken, that environmental damage should as a priority be rectified at source, and that the polluter should pay.