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## **Proposed EU Regulation on Nature Restoration**

Environment Council on 20 June

Berlin, 13 June 2023

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Dear Minister,

We write to you with great concern regarding the legislative deliberation of the proposed Regulation on Nature Restoration at the Environment Council on 20 June. It has come to our attention that the Swedish Council Presidency considers withdrawing the General Approach for this file from the agenda. However, we consider of utmost importance that the Council will have the opportunity to deliberate on the file in order to conclude the intended General Approach.

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We would like to assure you that we will use our joint diplomatic efforts to support a General Approach. We are convinced that successfully concluding the negotiations remains possible. The majority of Member States has repeatedly declared their intent to find a General Approach at this Council Meeting and would hesitate to jeopardise the well-advanced negotiations on the file. At the same time, additional doubt raised by the Council on a legislative proposal that forms an essential element of the EU Green Deal will be a devastating signal given the ambiguous developments on the file in the





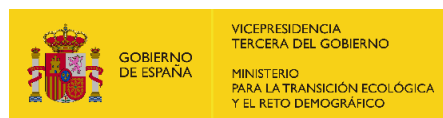
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European Parliament. Similarly, Member States will be conscious of the message that a failed General Approach would send to our international partners, most notably when seen against the recent international achievements and commitments of the European Union under the Convention on Biological Diversity.

We would like to close by expressing our sincere gratitude for your outstanding work during the extensive negotiations. The notable success of achieving a General Approach under the Swedish Council Presidency on this truly complicated and challenging legislative proposal is well within reach.

Yours sincerely,

signed by:



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