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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: Addressing the environmental impact of private jet travels at EU level

- Information from Austrian, French, Irish and Netherlands delegations

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Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the Austrian, French, Irish and Netherlands delegations on the above-mentioned subject for consideration under "Any other business" at the meeting of the Council (Transport, Telecommunications and Energy) on 1 June 2023.

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**Background document Transport Council 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2023**

**AOB:** Addressing the environmental impact of private jet travels at EU level

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In line with the European Green Deal and the Paris Agreement, EU Member States have agreed upon the common obligation to achieve the net-zero target by 2050 at the latest and to make the EU climate-neutral by then. To that end, we have to strengthen our common efforts to adequately address all sources of greenhouse gas emission.

Aviation is a fast-growing source of greenhouse gas emissions. Decarbonisation of aviation certainly constitutes one of the most challenging tasks ahead of us. Important initiatives have been adopted at EU level in this regard within the framework of the Fit for 55 Package, especially the imminent finalization of the RefuelEU Aviation Regulation.

However, against the background of socio-ecological fairness and intergenerational justice, we need to step up our common efforts to accelerate the necessary transformation process of the aviation industry towards climate-neutrality, especially with regard to private jet travels which have a disproportional environmental impact per passenger kilometre. This form of air travel has an excessive per capita carbon footprint and has been subject to increased public criticism.

Taking up previous initiatives we would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness at the political level of the environmental impact of private jet travels including business aviation and to advance the discussion on what effective contribution this branch could make to climate protection and the sustainable transformation of the transport sector.

In view of this, we believe that greater attention must be drawn to this issue at EU level, especially by assessing the possibility of setting up stronger regulatory measures on private jet travel to make sure that everyone contributes their fair share to the overall decarbonisation effort.

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