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Object: Ensuring strong and dedicated funding for the Climate, Environment and Nature under the next MFF

Dear President, dear Vice-presidents, dear Commissioners,

As the European Commission prepares to present its proposal for the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) on 16 July, the undersigned Members of the European Parliament would like to express our strong support for maintaining and reinforcing dedicated EU funding for the environment, nature and climate.

Investments in nature and climate are essential to strengthen Europe's resilience and to protect our citizens, societies and economies from increasingly frequent extreme weather events, such as droughts, floods and wild fires. It will therefore be vital to continue to scale up investments in both mitigation and adaptation, while maximising the co-benefits offered by nature protection and restoration.

In this context, we wish to underline the importance of the LIFE programme as the EU's only funding instrument fully dedicated to the environment and climate. Over the years, LIFE has proven its value in supporting effective and results-driven projects across the EU. It continues to play a critical role in delivering on our international and EU commitments on biodiversity and climate action. The programme enables innovation and best practices tailored to local and regional contexts, by fostering collaboration among various stakeholders, ranging from companies to farmers, fishers and local communities, public authorities, civil society organisations and researchers.

Recent reports suggesting that the LIFE programme, including its nature and biodiversity strand, might be integrated into a new European Competitiveness Fund raise concerns about whether LIFE would retain its environmental and climate focus or be redirected towards broader industrial policy priorities. While we understand that discussions are still ongoing and

no decisions have been finalised, we believe it is important to reaffirm the need for robust, targeted, and visible funding instruments that remain fully aligned with the EU's environmental and climate commitments and accessible to a variety of stakeholders.

For this reason, we call on the European Commission to continue with the management of the Programme and to ensure that LIFE remains a clearly identifiable, stand-alone and purpose-driven programme within the next MFF, with sufficient resources and autonomy to effectively address the urgent challenges of biodiversity loss and climate change. Beyond specific instruments, spending targets have been the major factor in driving climate and biodiversity spending in the current MFF. We, therefore, call for these targets to be maintained and strengthened in the next EU budget. We recall that this is in line with and strongly affirms the clear and official position of the European Parliament on the next MFF as laid out in the report of 7 May 2025 on "A revamped long-term budget for the Union in a changing world".

We remain available to engage further on this issue and look forward to working constructively with the Commission to safeguard and strengthen EU funding for environment and climate action in the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

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