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The Czech EU presidency has fostered a political agreement on the Commission's proposed Directive on Industrial Emissions.

The Directive is a central element of EU environmental policy. It is therefore of utmost importance that its revision does not dismantle the functioning of the established system known as Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) Directive.

Overall, European business is of the opinion that today's agreement in the Environment Council is an improvement compared with the Commission's proposal. It moves towards a better balance between environmental protection and competitiveness.

Philippe de Buck, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE said: *"The revision of the IPPC Directive must strike a difficult balance: stimulate its implementation while preserving its key principles and cost-effectiveness. The Commission's proposal did not manage to do this. Luckily, the Council has reached a well crafted compromise on which institutions should build."*

NOTE TO THE EDITOR

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