

SUMMARY

of the Opinion regarding the Proposal for the DIRECTIVE amending Directive 2008/98/EC on waste

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The Chamber of Deputies:

1. Expresses its concern as to the too high degree of generality of the stipulations laid down in Art. 9 on waste prevention, hoping that the European Commission will identify ways and means which should make them applicable;
2. Welcomes the urge addressed to the Member States to take economic and environmental measures in order to prevent food waste. Although the stipulation regarding a harmonized reporting (based on a unified methodology) is justified, so that to notice the progress related to the reduction of food waste, however, it is not sufficient for accomplishing the declared purpose;
3. Recommends to implement, through clear policies and norms, agreed at the EU level, the declared orientation, according to which long-term policy objectives are necessary in order to take the necessary steps and to make the proper investments, especially by preventing the creation of additional structural capacities and the blockage of the recyclable materials at the bottom of the waste hierarchy;
4. Acknowledges that the objectives of the proposal can be reached only by taking the necessary measures at the level of the Union. The proposal does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve those objectives, thus complying with the subsidiarity principle.