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to the Commission
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Subject: Integrity of the European green taxonomy and proposed amendments to a delegated act in that connection

The sustainable finance taxonomy is a key tool for channelling investments into sustainable activities. However, the delegated act amending Regulation (EU) 2020/852 appears to undermine that ambition. The modification of the 'do no significant harm' (DNSH) criteria, the removal of key references to the REACH Regulation, the removal of the templates for fossil fuels and nuclear, and the introduction of a cumulative materiality threshold of 10 % are, from both a political and a technical point of view, alarming steps backwards.

1. Now that substances recognised as toxic can be considered sustainable under the taxonomy, how will the Commission ensure that the relaxation of DNSH criteria and removal of references to REACH do not undermine the precautionary principle or the zero-pollution objective?

2. The removal of specific reporting templates for fossil and nuclear activities will hinder transparency regarding their alignment with the green taxonomy – why did the Commission decide to remove them?

3. Can the Commission explain the rationale behind the cumulative materiality threshold of 10 %, and how it will ensure that this threshold does not undermine the transparency, accountability and reliability of the European sustainable finance framework?

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