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Overview of Environmental Actions in the Swedish Riksdag Administration

The Riksdag Administration conducts systematic environmental work and is currently environmentally certified in accordance with ISO 14001 environmental management standard.

The Administration's environmental management standard is based on a four-stage process according to the PDCA method (plan, do, check and act). By applying the method, we identify the environmental impact of our activities and assess the areas in which the Administration has the greatest environmental impact. The results then form the basis of the Administration's environmental policy, which sets the course for our environmental work, and overall and detailed environmental objectives and action plans that guide our environmental work.

The Administration's overall environmental objectives are to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, energy consumption and amount of waste as well as to minimise the occurrence of hazardous substances and to limit our environmental impact through sustainable procurements. Based on these overall environmental objectives, the Administration has taken a number of actions, for example:

- work in accordance with the requirements of the Swedish certification system "*Miljöbyggnad*", which is connected with major renovations of properties. The *Miljöbyggnad* certification system includes criteria for building materials, energy savings and a healthy indoor environment;
- installation of a green roof on the East Wing of the Riksdag;
- initiation of a project to connect to the City of Stockholm's district cooling network, among other things, with the purpose of phasing out refrigerants equivalent to 400 tonnes of carbon dioxide;
- introduction of procedures to ensure that environmental requirements are imposed in connection with procurement, where possible;
- the cleaning services have reduced the amount of chemicals used by means of review and adjusted cleaning procedures;
- work to prolong the lifespan of worn-out office furniture and technical equipment by selling what can be sold;
- reduced purchase of office paper from 99 tonnes to 45 tonnes, among other things by introducing 2-sided printing as the standard and by reducing the number of documents that are shared in paper format;

- introduction of a 4-hour rule for officials so that air travel may only be chosen if 4 hours or more are gained by choosing this mode of transport. As a result, more officials travel by train today;
- acquisition of a carrier cycle for shorter transport between our various properties;
- installation of charging stations at parking spaces for members of the Riksdag and employees at the Riksdag Administration.