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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive 2012/27/EU on energy efficiency **(first reading)** - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 1 December 2016 the Commission sent the above proposal[1], based on Article 194(2) of the TFEU, to the Council.

2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 April 2017[2].

3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 13 July 2017[3].

4. On 13 November 2018 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council[4].

1 15091/16.
2 OJ C 246, 28.7.2017, p. 42.
3 OJ C 342, 12.10.2017, p. 119.
4 14024/18.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:

- approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 54/18, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Belgium, the Czech Republic voting against and Slovakia, Croatia abstaining;

- order that the statements in the addendum to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.