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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION on continuing coordinated demand-reduction measures for gas - Adoption

1. On 27 February 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Recommendation on continuing coordinated demand-reduction measures for gas. The Recommendation builds upon the measures introduced by Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1369 of 5 August 2022 on coordinated demand-reduction measures for gas, as prolonged by Council Regulation (EU) 2023/706. The Recommendation addresses also reinforced reporting and monitoring mechanisms to ensure the continuity of voluntary gas demand reduction in the context of the preparation for the winter 2024/2025.
2. This proposal is based on Article 292 in conjunction with Article 194(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The Council shall act by qualified majority.
3. On 4 March 2024, the Council reached a political agreement on the text of the draft Council Recommendation, as set out in document 6619/1/24 REV1.

4. The text of the draft Recommendation, as subsequently verified by lawyer linguists, is set out in document 7065/24.
 5. In view of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to adopt, as an ‘A’ item, the Council Recommendation on continuing coordinated demand-reduction measures for gas, as set out in document 7065/24, at its session on 25 March 2024.
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