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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 2009/73/EC concerning common rules for the internal market in natural gas (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 8 November 2017 the Commission sent the above proposal¹, based on Article 194(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 April 2018².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 16 May 2018³.
4. On 4 April 2019 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 Council⁴.

¹ 14204/17.

² OJ C 262, 25.7.2018, p. 64.

³ OJ C 361, 5.10.2018, p. 72.

⁴ 8040/19.

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 58/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Bulgaria abstaining.

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.
