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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the internal markets for renewable gas, natural gas and hydrogen, amending Regulations (EU) No 1227/2011, (EU) 2017/1938, (EU) 2019/942 and (EU) 2022/869 and Decision (EU) 2017/684 and repealing Regulation (EC) No 715/2009 (recast) (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 15 December 2021, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 194(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 May 2022².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 12 October 2022³.

¹ 15096/1/21 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1 + ADD 2 to 7.

² OJ C 323, 26.8.2022, p. 101.

³ OJ C 498, 30.12.2022, p. 83.

4. On 11 April 2024, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal⁴. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
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 105/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against.
6. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

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

⁴ 8680/24.