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| Subject: | **Written Procedure with reply by Thursday 22 December 2022 at 16:00 CET (Brussels time) by email to energy@consilium.europa.eu**<br>Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down a framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy<br>– Adoption<br>– End of the written procedure |

Delegations are informed that the written procedure, opened by CM 5901/22 of 22 December 2022 was completed on **22 December 2022** at **16:00** and that all delegations voted in favour of except for Hungary that **voted abstain,** the adoption of the Council Regulation laying down a framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy, as set out in document **ST 14787/1/22 REV 1.**

The required qualified majority has been reached. Therefore, the Council Regulation laying down a framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy is adopted.

The statement by Ireland is reproduced in the Annex 1 to this CM.

The above statements will be included in the summary of acts adopted by the written procedure as statements to be entered in the Council minutes, in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 12(1) of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

**ANNEX 1**

## STATEMENT BY IRELAND

In the interests of agreeing a compromise text of the Council Regulation laying down a framework to accelerate the deployment of renewable energy (the 'Permitting Regulation'), Ireland accepts the final revision of the text circulated at Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council on 19 December.

However, Ireland has concerns over the lack of clarity in the certain aspects of the text of the Proposal and how it interacts with other EU environmental Directives, in particular the Habitats Directive.

Ireland asks the European Commission issue guidance as to how the Regulation interacts with the other EU environmental Directives, in particular the Habitats Directive, to avoid any legal issues arising in the implementation of the measures.

Ireland fully supports increasing the rollout of renewable energy projects. However, Ireland is concerned that a lack of alignment with other EU environmental Directives could lead to legal challenge and uncertainty, which would have the undesired and contradictory effect of slowing down the delivery of essential renewable projects.