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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 DECISION on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC) with regard to the extension of the Terms of Reference for the IPEEC for the period from 24 May until 31 December 2019 - Adoption

1. In June 2008, members of the G8, China, India and South Korea and the Commission decided to establish an International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation (IPEEC), which provides a forum for discussion, consultation and exchange of information on actions that yield high energy efficiency gains. The IPEEC Terms of Reference (ToR) were signed on 24 May 2009 for a period of ten years.

2. The expiry of the ToR in May 2019 necessitates an extension until 31 December 2019 in order to bridge the period when the activities of IPEEC will be taken over by the Energy Efficiency Hub established within the framework of the activities of the International Energy Agency (IEA). Therefore, on 21 February 2019 the IPEEC Policy Committee approved the extension of the ToR for the period from 24 May until 31 December 2019. The decision is without prejudice and subject to the position of the Union, still to be expressed in the Policy Committte. On 14 May 2019, the Commission submitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal[1] in order to establish the Union position and agree to the extension.

3. The Working Party on Energy examined the proposal at its meeting on 21 May 2019 and agreed to the Union position proposed by the Commission. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is therefore invited to:

   - adopt the draft Council Decision set out in document 9718/19, revised by the legal linguistic services;
   - decide that the European Parliament be informed of the adoption of the Decision and that it be transmitted to the European Parliament.

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[1] 9281/19.