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Delegations will find in the annex a statement by Lithuania, Estonia, Czechia, Finland, Latvia and Poland in relation to the abovementioned Declaration on Promoting sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies.

STATEMENT OF LITHUANIA, ESTONIA, CZECHIA, FINLAND, LATVIA, POLAND

**Declaration on Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles, Fairness and
Access to Clean Energy Technologies**

To be attached to the minutes of relevant Coreper and Council meeting

Lithuania, Estonia, Czechia, Finland, Latvia, and Poland support the overarching goal of the Declaration, which aims to promote behavioural and lifestyle changes and ensure fairness and inclusivity in the transition to clean energy technologies. The Declaration's guiding principles are in line with European Union commitment to sustainability, social justice, and equitable access to energy solutions.

Nevertheless, we strongly recall that the EU has developed specific principles for contacts with Russia and Belarus in multilateral fora since 2022. In the context of the Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM), the European Commission, as co-lead of the initiative, retains the right to refuse any country with whom the EU does not intend to cooperate.

Although Russia has not participated in any CEM activities since the beginning of its full-scale aggression against Ukraine, in the event of Russia's attempt to engage with this initiative, we call on the European Commission to refuse such participation, in line with the above-mentioned principles.

Moreover, we urge the European Commission to ensure that no cooperation or data sharing takes place with Russia in the context of this initiative. All necessary measures must be taken to safeguard the European Union's information and digital infrastructure from hostile access.

We encourage the Commission and other stakeholders to remain vigilant and uphold the values of peace, justice and accountability when implementing the Declaration and its objectives.