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Subject: European Court of Auditors' Special Report N°09/2024 entitled "Security of the supply of gas in the EU – EU's framework helped member states respond to the crisis, but impact of some crisis-response measures cannot be demonstrated"  
- Council conclusions (22 July 2024)

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Delegations will find in the annex the Council conclusions on the European Court of Auditors' Special Report N°09/2024 entitled "Security of the supply of gas in the EU – EU's framework helped member states respond to the crisis, but impact of some crisis-response measures cannot be demonstrated", as approved by the Foreign Affairs Council at its meeting held on 22 July 2024.

**Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report 09/2024 entitled 'Security of the supply of gas in the EU – EU's framework helped member states respond to the crisis, but impact of some crisis-response measures cannot be demonstrated'**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. THANKS the European Court of Auditors for its Special Report 09/2024 entitled 'Security of the supply of gas in the EU – EU's framework helped member states respond to the crisis, but impact of some crisis-response measures cannot be demonstrated'.
2. TAKES NOTE OF the focus of the Special Report on assessing whether the EU policy framework and action in support of gas supply security including also crisis response measures have been effective. The Special Report also evaluates the implementation of steps to select projects of common interest in the field of gas.
3. HIGHLIGHTS that the Special Report of the European Court of Auditors is based on an assessment of a wide range of policy measures including, in particular, Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2017 concerning measures to safeguard the security of gas supply, temporary emergency measures based on Article 122 TFEU adopted as a response to the crisis, the Projects of Common Interest (PCI) supported under the Connecting Europe Facility, and the EU definition of energy poverty. The Special Report also addresses the progress made on carbon capture, use and storage.
4. RECALLS that the Council and the European Parliament have recently agreed on important revisions of legislative acts in order to adapt the EU gas market rules to the EU's energy and climate objectives and to improve the electricity market design. Those new rules will also contribute to improving the EU's preparedness for future challenges.

5. TAKES good note of the observations and conclusions, as well as the recommendations included in the Special Report, namely the completion of the affordability framework, the optimisation of the reporting procedure on gas security of supply, the revision of regional cooperation and improving the transparency of PCI implementation.

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