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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Commission's intention to enter into an Energy Dialogue on behalf of the EU on energy matters with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Member states - Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

1. On 3 October 2022, the Commission informed the Working Party on Energy of its intention to negotiate, an Energy Dialogue on behalf of the EU on energy matters with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its Member States, with a view to its signing, on behalf of the EU, during the EU-ASEAN Summit in December 2022¹.
2. The year 2022 marks 45 years of partnership between the EU and the ASEAN. Therefore, in order to formalise work on energy in the framework of this cooperation, the Commission proposes to establish a Dialogue which would allow structured exchange on various policy areas including energy transition.

¹ 12938/22.

3. The Energy Working Party discussed the approach proposed by the Commission, with the understanding that the Commission will inform the Working Party on the advancement of the negotiations with ASEAN, and will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiation process to seek the Council's authorisation for the signing of the Dialogue on behalf of the EU.

In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to suggest to the Council that it approves the entering into negotiations by the Commission of an Energy Dialogue on behalf of the EU on energy matters with the ASEAN and its Member states.
