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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Draft Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership on Renewable Hydrogen between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt - Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument

1. On 27 September 2022, the Commission informed the Working Party on Energy of its intention to negotiate, of a Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership on Renewable Hydrogen between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt, with a view to its signing, on behalf of the EU, on 14 November, at COP27 (ST 12663/22).
2. On 29 September 2022 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the EU such a MoU (ST 12669/22).
3. Since then the negotiations have been conducted and culminated in a draft text¹ that was presented at the Working Party on Energy on 18 October 2022. Following written comments from the Member States, the text was revised accordingly.

¹ ST 13608/22

4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to:

- confirm its agreement on the text of the Memorandum of Understanding on a Strategic Partnership on Renewable Hydrogen between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt, as set out in document ST 13937/22;
 - invite the Council to authorise the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding by the Commission on behalf of the EU on a Strategic Partnership on Renewable Hydrogen between the European Union and the Arab Republic of Egypt, as set out in document ST 13937/22, subject to possible small adjustments as a result of negotiations with the relevant partners, but without changes in substance.
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