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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Joint Statement on the launching of the Critical Raw Materials Club - Approval of a non-binding instrument

1. On 11 August 2023, the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) was informed by the Commission, in a note, of its intention to commence negotiations on a non-binding instrument in the form of a Joint Statement on the launching of the Critical Raw Materials (CRM) Club.
2. On 9 November 2023, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, a Joint Statement on the launching of the CRM Club.¹
3. The Commission presented the text of the draft Joint Statement, as set out in document ST 15822/23, at the meeting of the Trade Policy Committee (Deputies) on 23 November 2023. During the discussion, no delegation raised objections to that text.
4. The representatives of the EU and other members of the CRM Club intend to launch the CRM Club in a dedicated event to be held in the margins of the Climate Change Conference (COP28) on 2 December 2023.

¹ ST 14893/23

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

- confirm its agreement on the text of the draft Joint Statement on the launching of the CRM Club, as set out in document ST 15822/23; and
 - recommend that the Council approves, as an “A” item on the agenda of one of its forthcoming meetings, the text of the draft Joint Statement, as set out in document ST 15822/23, subject to possible minor adjustments, as a result of further negotiations, provided that those adjustments do not affect the substance and the intent of the text.
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