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Subject: Joint Statement in view of the INC-5.2
- Information from the Commission on its intention to open discussions on
a non-binding instrument (NBI)

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1. With a view to the WPIEI (Global) on 12 February 2025 and WPE on 17 February 2025, delegations will find attached a note from the Commission on its intention to open discussions on the Joint Statement in view of the INC-5.2. That statement is expected to be adopted ahead of the resumed INC-5.2 session.
2. The Joint Statement in view of the INC-5.2 is considered to be a non-binding instrument that contains political commitments, in accordance with the Arrangements for non-binding instruments agreed by the Council, the Commission and the EEAS in December 2017¹.

¹ 15367/17.

3. The Commission's note was transmitted to the WPIEI (Global) on 4 February 2025 and it kick starts the first step of the procedure foreseen in the Arrangements. Once examined at working party level, the authorisation for the Commission to enter into negotiations on the Joint Statement in view of the INC-5.2 will be submitted, as an I/A item, to Coreper and Council for approval.
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