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To: Permanent Representatives Committee

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Subject: Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND
OF THE COUNCIL on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector
and amending Regulation (EU) 2019/942
– Confirmation of the final compromise text with a view to agreement

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Commission adopted the proposal for a Regulation on methane emissions reduction in the energy sector on 15 December 2021. The proposal is part of the Fit for 55 package and represents an important component of the European Green Deal. It also follows the EU international commitments under the Global Methane Pledge to tackle global methane emissions.
2. In the Council, the examination of the proposal was carried out in the Working Party on Energy. On 13 December 2022 Coreper examined the final compromise proposal and agreed to submit it to the TTE Council with a view to reaching a general approach at its meeting of 19 December 2022. The TTE Council adopted the text.

3. Further to the General Approach obtained by the Czech Presidency in December 2022, the Spanish Presidency held informal political trilogues with the EP on 30 August, 10 October and 14 November 2023.
4. The final compromise text was submitted to Coreper for its analysis on 15 December 2023, and was agreed upon.

II. CORRIGENDUM

5. Due to technical difficulties affecting the software used for preparing the draft agreement on the Methane Regulation proposal, the Annex to document 15927/23 endorsed by Coreper had a part of the text missing.
6. The missing text, part 2 of Annex 1 to the proposal for a Methane Regulation, was part of the Council's general approach of 19 December 2022 (ST 16043/2023) and of the mandate for negotiation given by Coreper on 10 November 2023 in view of the third and final informal political trilogue (ST 14812/23).
7. The General Secretariat of the Council, in cooperation with the ITRE and ENVI Secretariats of the European Parliament, has proceeded to make the necessary corrections in order to properly reflect, by document 15927/23 COR 1, the outcome of final negotiations between Council and Parliament.
8. The details of the missing text can be found in document 15927/23 COR 1.

III. CONCLUSION

9. The Presidency invites the Committee of the Permanent Representatives to:
- endorse the annexed corrigendum (15927/23 COR 1) to the compromise text reflecting the agreement with the European Parliament during the final trilogue, and
 - mandate the Presidency to inform the European Parliament that, should the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading, in accordance with Article 294 paragraph 3 of the Treaty, in the form set out in the Annex to document 15927/23 as corrected by document 15927/23 COR 1 (subject to revision by the lawyer linguists of both institutions), the Council would, in accordance with Article 294, paragraph 4 of the Treaty, approve the European Parliament's position and the act shall be adopted in the wording which corresponds to the European Parliament's position.
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