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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	EU-Morocco Green Partnership - Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

1. On 9 March 2022, the Commission informed the Mashreq/Maghreb (MaMa) Working Party of its intention to enter into negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the EU on a Green Partnership with Morocco (WK 3463/2022 + COR 1).
2. The envisaged MoU on Green Partnership is intended to offer the opportunity to establish a structured framework for a systematic dialogue between the EU and Morocco on key sectors concerned. It is also to be seen in the context of cooperation on energy and climate change having already been an important element of EU-Morocco partnership as also highlighted in the 2019 EU-Morocco Joint Declaration (doc. 10955/19).
3. At its meeting of 28 March 2022, MaMa agreed, for its part, to the Commission's suggestion to enter into the negotiations on the envisaged MoU on the basis of indications set out in WK 3463/2022 COR 1.
4. It is understood that the Commission will keep MaMa informed on the progress of the negotiations and will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's approval of the draft MoU on behalf of the European Union.

5. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is therefore invited to approve the Commission's intention to enter into negotiations on a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the EU on a Green Partnership with Morocco.

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