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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject:	Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel - Authorisation to sign a non-binding instrument

1. On 3 June 2022 the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate on behalf of the EU a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel (ST 9393/22).

2. The Commission presented to MaMa a draft MoU (WK 8004 2022 INIT).

3. At its meeting of 7 June 2022, MaMa revised the Commission's draft and agreed on the same day to the revised version (ST 9956/22), which is to include a territorial clause in line with the EU's commitment under point 8 of the Council Conclusions of 18 January 2016 on the Middle East Peace Process.

4. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to confirm its agreement on the trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel, and recommend that the Council authorises the

signing of the MoU (as per document number ST 9956/22), subject to possible small adjustments as a result of negotiations with the relevant partners, but without changes in substance.

