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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
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| To: | Permanent Representative Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on common rules for the internal markets for renewable gas, natural gas and hydrogen, amending Directive (EU) 2023/1791 and repealing Directive 2009/73/EC (recast) (first reading) |
| | - Adoption of the legislative act |

- 1. On 15 December 2021, the <u>Commission</u> submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 194(2) TFEU, to the Council.
- 2. The <u>European Economic and Social Committee</u> delivered its opinion on 19 May 2022².
- 3. The <u>Committee of the Regions</u> delivered its opinion on 12 October 2022³.

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¹ 15111/1/21 REV 1 + ADD 1 REV 1.

² OJ C 323, 26.8.2022, p. 101.

³ OJ C 498, 30.12.2022, p. 83.

- 4. On 11 April 2024, the <u>European Parliament</u> adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal⁴. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
- 5. The <u>Permanent Representatives Committee</u> is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the <u>Council</u> approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 104/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with <u>Hungary</u> voting against.
- 6. If the <u>Council</u> approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

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⁴ 8681/24.