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Delegations will find in the annex the LT comments on the solidarity measures in the recast Hydrogen and Gas Regulation (WK 10753/23).

LT comments

WK 10753/2023 Solidarity measures in the recast Hydrogen and Gas Regulation

Lithuania is still not convinced about the added value of extending solidarity measure towards Member state connected via another Member State, as well as to Member states with LNG facilities. We think that the priority is to make solidarity measure as effective as possible to meet the needs of national security and security of neighbouring countries.

Countries should equally responsibly assess the risks of security of gas supply. Member states should use every opportunity to secure alternative gas supply, both by filling storage facilities and by securing the necessary LNG quantities. Our concern is that extension of solidarity measure might have an opposite effect. Therefore, we suggest reconsidering the proposed addition to the Article 13 (2):

Article 13

Solidarity

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2. A Member State shall also provide the solidarity measure to another Member State to which it is connected via ~~another Member State, or~~ a third country unless flows are restricted through the third country. Such an extension of the measure may shall be subject to the agreement of the relevant Member States, who shall involve, as appropriate, the third country through which they are connected.