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Delegations will find attached comments from Cyprus on the above mentioned document.

In view of Coreper tomorrow we suggest the following amendment in para 6 in Line 42 of 15400/18 ADD1 which reads as follows:

(6) The group shall <u>may</u> invite to its meetings, as appropriate, promoters of eligible projects, third countries involved in eligible projects and any other relevant stakeholders.

Cyprus believes that the CEF regulation should not prejudge and make obligatory the participation of these entities, but instead as in the case of the regional groups for PCIs, this should be further specified in the rules of procedure of this group. Para 3 of the Line 42 already provides that the group shall adopt its own rules of procedure.