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Subject: European semester  
- Preparation of the contribution of the TTE(Energy) Council

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With a view to facilitating the above preparation, delegations will find attached a note prepared by the incoming Presidency.

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Like several other Council configurations the TTE Council will have to contribute to the European semester exercise and review progress and challenges in the implementation of the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs, including with respect to the energy headline targets concerning renewable energy and energy efficiency. An overall schedule for this exercise, with specific milestones for each Council configuration, is set out in doc. 16833/12.

The preparation of this contribution by the TTE(Energy) Council has in fact already started with its thorough consideration of priorities for renewable energy as reflected in the Council conclusions (16205/12) adopted on 3 December last and, on the same date, its first exchange on progress made and efforts needed regarding the orientations set by the European Council in February 2011.

Now that, besides the Communications on Renewable Energy (11052/12) and on the Internal Energy Market (16202/12 + ADD 1 +ADD 2), the Annual Growth Survey 2013 is available (16669/12, notably its section 3 on promoting growth and competitiveness) as well as its companion reports, notably the report on the State of the Single Market integration (17281/12, with section 2.2 addressing energy markets) and the report on the Consumer Markets Scoreboard - Making markets work for consumers (17227/12 ADD 1), delegations are invited to provide written contributions more focused on the Annual Growth Survey and addressing the following: :

- 1. What do you see as main obstacles to the achievement of the Europe 2020 energy objectives ?*
- 2. In light of the Annual Growth Survey 2013 and related reports which measures in the energy sector have the biggest potential to contribute to growth and competitiveness and should thus be prioritised ?*

Delegations' written contributions will be synthesized together with any additional oral interventions at the TTE (Energy) on 22 February which will address this topic. The TTE(Energy) contribution will then feed into the overall report on Europe 2020 due to be presented to the General Affairs Council.

Contributions by 21 January would be much appreciated.