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to: Delegations

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Subject: Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council  
establishing the Connecting Europe Facility

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Delegations will find attached the parts of the abovementioned proposal on which the Energy Working Party will provide input: (Art. 4(1)(b), Art. 7(3), Annex part II, as set out in the Note from the Presidency ("COMBUD 08/12, dated 10.1.12").

Deletions compared to the Commission proposal are identified with [].

N.B. Some text in *italics* (titles, headings) has been added to facilitate reading; it does not form part of the text that is subject to discussion in the Energy Working Party.

*Article 4*  
*Specific Sectoral Objectives*

1. *Further to the general objectives set out under Article 3, the Connecting Europe Facility should contribute to achieving the following sector specific objectives:*

(...)

- (b) In the field of energy, the Connecting Europe Facility shall support projects of common interest pursuing the following objectives, as further specified in Regulation (EU) No xxxx/2012:
- (i) promoting the further integration of the internal energy market and the interoperability of electricity and gas networks across borders, including by ensuring that no Member State is isolated from the European network, to be measured by the number of projects effectively interconnecting Member states' networks and removing internal bottlenecks;
  - (ii) enhancing Union security of supply, to be measured by the evolution of system resilience and security of system operations as well as number of projects allowing diversification of supply sources, supplying counterparts and routes;
  - (iii) contributing to sustainable development and protection of the environment, notably by fostering the integration of energy from renewable sources into the transmission network and developing carbon dioxide networks, to be measured by the transmission of renewable energy from generation to major consumption centers and storage sites, and the sum of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions prevented by the construction of the projects which benefited from CEF.

*Article 7*  
*Eligibility and conditions for financial assistance*

(...)

3. In the field of energy, the specific eligibility conditions of actions implementing projects of common interest for Union financial aid in the form of financial instruments and grants under this Regulation are set out in Article 15 of Regulation (EU) No XXXX/2012 [Guidelines for energy infrastructure].

ANNEX

(.....)

~~**PART II: LIST OF INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITY CORRIDORS AND AREAS IN THE  
FIELD OF ENERGY**~~

II

*[part II to be deleted]*

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