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**INFORMATION NOTE**

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- Information from the Irish delegation

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Delegations will find attached the above mentioned information note.

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### **Work programme of the incoming Presidency**

In view of the incoming Irish Presidency, the Energy Council will be informed of the priorities under the heading of promoting sustainable growth and jobs, and building Europe's competitive advantage.

Based on the orientations set by the European Council, the Irish Presidency intends to focus its work on the legislative proposal on biofuels, including the proposed amendments to the Renewables Directive and the Fuel Quality Directive; and the Commission Communication on the Internal Energy Market. The post-2020 agenda will also be a topic for discussion. Other issues to be addressed are sustainability criteria for biomass and new energy technologies. The external energy dimension will also be part of the work programme.

These priorities set by the Irish Presidency will be reflected in the agendas of the two formal TTE Councils scheduled on 22 February 2013 and 7 June 2013, and of the informal Energy Ministerial on 23-24 April 2013.

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