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Delegations will find in Annex an information note on the above, submitted by the Czech delegation, supported by the Polish and Estonian delegations, to be dealt with under "other business" at the meeting of the Council (Environment) on 3 March 2014.

**Review of the Best Available Techniques Reference Document for Large Combustion Plants  
(LCP BREF)**

**- Information from the Czech delegation, supported by the Polish and Estonian delegations -**

Together with the relevant technical working group, the Commission is currently conducting a review of the Best Available Techniques Reference Document for the Large Combustion Plants (LCP BREF) based on the requirements of the Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (IED). This review may have a massive impact on the EU economy, energy security and the environment.

Despite the importance of this issue, the Commission has decided to use the accelerated working procedure with only one draft of the LCP BREF. At the same time, the Commission has proposed the possibility of setting up working subgroups and processing partial proposals as intermediate steps between the first and the final draft.

The Czech Republic appreciates the efforts of the Commission and all the experts involved in the preparation of the LCP BREF. However, during the next steps more attention should be paid to specific issues such as the quality of fuels available at local level and the requirements of district heating systems as well as transparency in establishing emission values.

Due to the high and strategic importance of this agenda, the Czech Republic is using this occasion to strongly support the idea of setting up working subgroups on key problems in the context of reviewing the LCP BREF. Only detailed expert discussion in these subgroups can achieve a real balance between economic achievability and protection of the environment as the main principle of Best Available Techniques.