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Subject: Memorandum of Understanding complementing the Central and South-Eastern European Connectivity (CESEC) initiative with a Joint approach on electricity market, energy efficiency and renewable development  
- Establishment of the EU position  
= Statement by Austria

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Delegations will find attached a statement to the Coreper and Council minutes, submitted by Austria.

Statement by Austria

"Österreich steht dem einschlägigen MoU nicht entgegen, bringt aber folgende Anmerkungen zu Protokoll:

- 1.) Die Integration der Strommärkte ist unter dem Vorbehalt eines „level playing field“ zu sehen, wie es auch der bisherigen Vorgehensweise der EU entspricht.
- 2.) Es wird festgestellt, dass die im MoU zu findende Passage „towards the full decarbonisation of the economy by 2050 and reduce greenhouse gases emissions“ nicht der Textierung des Pariser Klimaübereinkommens entspricht (dort stattdessen: „to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century“).

Courtesy translation

- 1.) A level playing field is to be seen as a precondition to the integration of electricity markets as it is also established EU policy.
- 2.) It is noted that the expression „towards the full decarbonisation of the economy by 2050 and reduce greenhouse gases emissions“ to be found in the MoU does not correspond to the language of the Paris Agreement (which reads instead: „to achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century“).