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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
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Subject:	Proposal for a COUNCIL DECISION repealing Council Decision 77/706/EEC on the setting of a Community target for a reduction in the consumption of primary sources of energy in the event of difficulties in the supply of crude oil and petroleum products and Commission Decision 79/639/EEC laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Decision 77/706/EEC - Adoption

1. On 24 February 2015, the Commission transmitted to the Council the above-mentioned proposal for a Council Decision. The aim of the Decision is to simplify the legislative framework and to reduce the administrative burden while considering that, in case of a supply disruption, emergency stocks can replace the missing volumes quickly and efficiently without disturbing the economic activity and hindering mobility. Therefore, emergency stocks should now be considered as the main response tool to address an oil supply disruption.

2. At the meeting on 23 January 2014 of the Coordination Group for oil and petroleum products, Member States supported the initiative to repeal Council Decision 77/706/EEC and Commission Decision 79/639/EEC. The Energy Working Group examined the above-mentioned proposal at its meeting on 17 March 2015 and raised no objections to it.

 3. Following the above, it is suggested that the Permanent Representatives Committee invite the Council to adopt as an "A" item the above-mentioned Council Decision, as finalised by the Lawyer Linguists and set out in doc. 7284/15 ENER 100.
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