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**NOTE**

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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Subject: Energy Charter  
- Presidency proposal for *lines to take* in preparation for the meeting of the  
ECT Budget Committee taking place on 17 September 2015

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In view of tomorrow's Energy WP, on behalf of the Presidency delegations will find in the Annex a proposal for lines to take related to the ECT budget 2016.

**Presidency proposal for lines to take related to the ECT budget 2016**

ECT profit & loss account 2016 :

IN (contributions) : 3.907.460, - euros (this takes IT exit in consideration)

OUT (expenses) : 3.900.000, - euros without transition costs (price to pay for restructuration that includes DDG function termination as from July 1st 2016)

OUT + restructuration costs : 4.500.000,- euros

GAP = 600.000,- euros (590.000 exactly)

FILL THE GAP LUPR PROPOSAL :

- + 200.000 euros additional contribution of COM (one shot)
- + 200.000 euros : extra use of GRF (reserve) . This needs a decision to use the reserve beyond 300.000 euros (actual level). Not much other choices
- + 200.000 euros : costs savings : 100.000 in travel expenses (157.000 euros in budget), 100.000 euros partly in consultancy (462.000 euros foreseen in 2016 budget), partly in other expenditures.

This solution is something Amb. Ruznak is ready to live with and make on this basis a new budget 2016. This does not request any emergency contribution of EU MS or other major contributors like Turkey and Japan (that are highly speculative and doubtful anyhow).

**On this basis, Presidency suggestion for lines to take is:**

- overall support to ECT secretariat to restructuring process 2016
- EU concern about P&L 2016 unbalance that this process will create
- EU line to “fill the gap “ (see above)