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- Note by the Commission

Delegations will find attached a note from the Commission on the above-mentioned topic with a view to the Competitiveness Council on 30 November 2015.

**Presentation of the State of the Energy Union
Information Note from the Commission**

The first State of the Energy Union will be adopted on 18 November. It is an annual stocktaking of the progress made in implementing the Energy Union following the adoption of the Energy Union Framework Strategy on 25 February 2015.

One of the main focusses of this year's edition will be the Paris climate conference which will start in a few days.

The State of the Energy Union also brings together a series of reports which are required under different legislative acts, in view of streamlining reporting obligations. It is accompanied by concrete proposals for further action: the 2nd list of Projects of Common Interest (PCIs) sets out those infrastructure projects which are urgently needed to meet our energy policy targets and objectives; guidance on national energy and climate plans provides the basis for Member States to start the development of their plans for the period from 2021 to 2030; the proposed methodology on key indicators is the first step towards measuring and monitoring the delivery of the Energy Union.

The State of the Energy Union will also include policy conclusions derived from the experiences of the Energy Union Tour of Vice-President Šefčovič and the bilateral technical discussions with Member States concerning their country factsheets.