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- Information note by the Commission

Delegations will find attached an information note prepared by the European Commission on the above-mentioned subject in view of the **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy Council** as well as the **Environment Council** taking place on 10 and 16 December respectively.

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

The first State of the Energy Union was 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 is the Paris climate conference which started on 30 November.

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 also includes 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.