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Follow-up on the "Hydrogen Initiative" launched at the Informal Meeting of
Energy Ministers (Linz, 17-18 September 2018)

- Information from the Presidency and the Commission

Delegations will find in Annex an information note from the Presidency.

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The political declaration "The Hydrogen Initiative" aims to promote the application of renewable hydrogen technology in the fields of sector integration and coupling, short and long-term storage, direct injection into the gas-grid, conversion to renewable methane and other fuels, industry as well as transport and mobility.

At the High-Level Conference "Charge for Change: Innovative Technologies for Energy-Intensive Industries" on 17 September 2018 in Linz companies, organisations and institutions had the opportunity to sign the document. At the Informal Meeting of Energy Ministers on 18 September 2018, Ministers or Head of Delegations were invited to take the opportunity to sign the Hydrogen Initiative at any point during the Informal Meeting.

26 Member States, 2 EFTA States, the European Commission as well as around 100 businesses, organisations and institutions have supported the Hydrogen Initiative.