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Delegations will find attached the declassified version of the above document.

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Delegations will find in the Annex a set of draft Negotiating Directives on the above, prepared by the Presidency, to be discussed at the WPE meeting on 21 October.

NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES

**DIRECTIVES FOR THE NEGOTIATION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ICELAND,
CONCERNING ICELAND'S PARTICIPATION IN THE JOINT FULFILMENT OF THE
COMMITMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, ITS MEMBER STATES AND ICELAND
IN THE SECOND COMMITMENT PERIOD OF THE KYOTO PROTOCOL TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Commission shall ensure that Iceland's participation in the joint fulfilment of the commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol is consistent with the quantified emissions reduction commitment inscribed in the third column of Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol, as amended, and with relevant EU legislation, in particular the 2009 EU Climate and Energy Package and the principles and criteria on which mitigation commitments laid down in that legislation are based.

The Commission shall ensure that Iceland's obligations in the joint fulfilment of the commitments of the European Union, its Member States and Iceland in the second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol are laid down and applied in a non-discriminatory manner, treating Iceland and Member States alike.

The Working Party on the Environment is designated as special committee to assist the Commission in negotiations. The meetings of the special committee shall be organized and chaired by the Member State holding the Presidency of the Council.

The Commission shall report to the Council on the outcome of the negotiations after each negotiating session, and, in any event, at least quarterly. The Commission shall inform the Council and consult the special committee on any major problem that may arise during the negotiations.

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