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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Delegations

Subject: European Court of Auditors' Special Report 01/2020 entitled "EU action on Ecodesign and Energy Labelling: important contribution to greater energy efficiency reduced by significant delays and non-compliance"
- *Discussion of Council conclusions*

Following the tasking by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Energy Working Party will discuss at its meeting of 3 March 2020 the European Court of Auditors' Special Report 01/2020¹ entitled "EU action on Ecodesign and Energy Labelling: important contribution to greater energy efficiency reduced by significant delays and non-compliance".

In view of these discussions, the Presidency prepared draft Council conclusions as set out in the Annex.

Following the delegations' agreement on the text of the draft Council conclusions, in accordance with the Council conclusions of 8 May 2000 on improving the examination of special reports drawn up by the Court of Auditors², the Permanent Representatives Committee will be invited to suggest to the Council to adopt, under the "A" items of a forthcoming session, the Council conclusions.

¹ <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=52828>

² 7515/00 + COR 1

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Council conclusions on European Court of Auditors' Special Report 01/2020 entitled "EU action on Ecodesign and Energy Labelling: important contribution to greater energy efficiency reduced by significant delays and non-compliance"

RECALLING the 'Clean Energy for all Europeans' legislative package, setting the framework for the implementation of the Union's 2030 climate and energy targets on greenhouse gas reductions, renewable energy increases, energy efficiency improvement and electricity interconnections,

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION:

1. THANKS the European Court of Auditors for the Special Report 01/2020 entitled "EU action on Ecodesign and Energy Labelling: important contribution to greater energy efficiency reduced by significant delays and non-compliance",
2. UNDERLINES the focus of the Special Report on the effective contribution of Ecodesign and Energy Labelling to reaching EU energy efficiency and environmental objectives,
3. TAKES note of the conclusions and recommendations in the Special Report and encourage the Commission to follow those recommendations.

In particular:

4. ENCOURAGES the Commission to ensure an effective and dedicated framework for Ecodesign of Energy-related products,
5. CALLS on the Commission to improve and accelerate the regulatory process by avoiding the package approach,
6. ENCOURAGES the Commission to take into account Court's recommendations on effectiveness when discussing resource and material efficiency criteria to avoid regulatory overlap,

7. ACKNOWLEDGES that the Commission has started the revision of the methodology for Ecodesign of Energy-related products,
8. BELIEVES that Ecodesign is a relevant policy instrument to address the issue of the growing electricity consumption in the digital sector and welcomes the study that the Commission has launched for products based on Information and Communication Technology,
9. TAKES note of the Court's recommendation to improve impact accounting and welcomes the Commission acceptance to take steps to account for issues of non-compliance and implementation delays in its future impact accounting work,
10. ENCOURAGES the Commission to facilitate cooperation between market surveillance authorities while implementing the necessary instruments of Regulation (EU) 2019/1020.
