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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directive (EU) 2018/2001, Regulation (EU) 2018/1999 and Directive 98/70/EC as regards the promotion of energy from renewable sources, and repealing Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 (first reading) - Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 14 July 2021, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 114 and 194(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 9 December 2021².
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 28 April 2022³.

¹ Docs 10746/21 + ADD 1 to 6.

² OJ C 152, 6.4.2022, p. 127.

³ OJ C 301, 5.8.2022, p. 184.

4. On 12 September 2023, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council⁴.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE CONS 36/23, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary and Poland voting against and Bulgaria and Czechia abstaining.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addendum to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁴ Doc. 12854/23.