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Delegations will find attached a joint statement by the delegations of Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, France, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia on above-mentioned subject with a view to the Competitiveness Council meeting on 7 December 2023.

**JOINT STATEMENT BY BULGARIA, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, HUNGARY,
FRANCE, POLAND, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA**

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing

a

**framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology products
manufacturing ecosystem (Net-Zero Industry Act)**

Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, France, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia recall the importance of the principle of technological neutrality and the sovereign right of Member States to determine their energy mix. In this respect, they stress the need for these principles and rights to be duly respected and fully taken into account in European policies. Reiterating that nuclear technologies are an integral part of the European energy transition strategy, they welcome the fact that Article 3b includes nuclear fission technology, including the fuel cycle, as a complement to the other fossil-free technologies needed to achieve the Union's climate and energy security objectives.

Noting that the list of strategic technologies in Article 3b(1) does not prejudge the allocation of EU funding, they point out that in application of these provisions, the rules and procedures relating to financing continue to apply. Thus, all of these technologies can and will continue to be considered for access to EU funding, including for a support by the European Investment Bank./
