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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
Subject:	Pledge on sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies - Clean Energy Ministerial - <i>Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument (NBI)</i>

1. On 11 September 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council an information note setting out its intention to launch a campaign which will include a pledge on sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies, on the occasion of the Clean Energy Ministerial Summit, to be held on 30 September – 4 October 2024 in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. The note was circulated to delegations in document 13312/24.
2. The Commission intends to conduct negotiations on the above-mentioned pledge and sign the instrument on behalf of the European Union. The indicative timing for the signature of the instrument is the third quarter of 2025, at the 2025 Clean Energy Ministerial Summit. The pledge would provide guidelines on how to promote sustainable lifestyles and fairness in the clean energy transition.
3. It is understood that the Commission will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek Council's authorisation to sign the instrument on behalf of the Union.

4. On 17 September 2024, the Working Party on Social Questions examined the Commission information note and received further information from the Commission on the envisaged instrument. No objections were raised by delegations regarding the approach proposed by the Commission.
 5. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to authorise the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the European Union, the pledge on sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies.
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