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#### **'I/A' ITEM NOTE**

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**From:** General Secretariat of the Council  
**To:** Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

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**Subject:** High Level Group meeting on Central and South Eastern European Connectivity (CESEC), Ljubljana, 21 September 2021 - Ministerial conclusions  
- Approval  
- Authorisation to sign on behalf of the European Union

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1. On 23 June 2021, the Commission submitted to the Working Party on Energy an information note on the Commission's intention to sign non-binding Ministerial conclusions on behalf of the EU with Central and South Eastern Europe Energy Connectivity (CESEC).
2. On 6 August 2021, the Commission transmitted to the Council the draft of the above-mentioned Ministerial conclusions. The objective is to take stock of what has been achieved by CESEC in the past years and give stronger prominence to future priority actions.
3. On 29 June 2021 and 6 September 2021 the Working Party on Energy was informed about the High Level Group meeting and held exchange of views. There were no comments or revisions to the text of the conclusions.
4. The Ministerial conclusions are to be signed on 21 September 2021 by CESEC ministers and the European Commission on behalf of the European Union at the CESEC High Level Group meeting in Ljubljana.

5. Therefore, the Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to:

- confirm its agreement on the text of the draft non-binding Ministerial conclusions as set out in ST 11598/21 ADD 1;
- recommend that the Council authorises the signature by the European Commission, on behalf of the European Union, subject to possible minor adjustments at the Ministerial Meeting, of the non-binding Ministerial conclusions as set out in ST 11598/21 ADD 1, as an 'A' item on the agenda of a forthcoming Council meeting.

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