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In document ST 13670/21 INIT,

1. On page 3, Section A, the first sentence of the first paragraph should read:
"It is the understanding of the Presidency that, in line with the conclusions of the European Council of 11 December 2020, delegations agree that achieving a higher EU renewable energy objective is fundamental for the overarching EU decarbonisation goals while also contributing to EU competitiveness and security of supply."

2. On page 6, the first sentence of the first paragraph should read:
"Delegations generally acknowledge the need to increase renewables penetration in buildings. However, a number of delegations have expressed reservations on the new indicative EU target [~~target~~] for 49 % of energy use in EU buildings, with some considering this objective unrealistic, while others pointed to existing provisions in other legislation such as the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)."
3. On page 8, in the first paragraph, the last sentence should read:
"Numerous technical questions were asked on the nature and methodology of calculation of national top-ups and **their** interactions with the binding annual increase."
4. On page 8, the first sentence of the third paragraph should read:
"Some delegations are sceptical about those provisions, and in particular, with regard to the proposed increase (from the current 1 to 2.1 percentage points) of the indicative target of **the share of energy from** renewable[s] sources and from waste heat and cold in district heating **and cooling.**"