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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)/Council
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Subject:	Declaration on Promoting sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies - Clean Energy Ministerial - Approval of a non-binding instrument

1. On 26 September 2024, the Council authorised the Commission to negotiate, on behalf of the Union, a pledge on sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies, in the framework of the Clean Energy Ministerial (document ST 13481/24).
2. On 24 June 2025, the Commission informed the Council of its intention to endorse, on behalf of the Union, the negotiated non-binding instrument - a Declaration on Promoting sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies - at the Clean Energy Ministerial meeting taking place in Busan, South Korea, on 25-27 August 2025 (ST 10709/25). The aim of the Declaration is to provide principles on how to promote sustainable lifestyles and fairness policies in the clean energy transition.

3. Following the examination of the instrument by the Social Questions Working Party on 1 July 2025, the Commission made a few targeted adjustments to the text of the Declaration and re-submitted it to the Council, accompanied by an updated cover note (ST 11252/25). The updated Declaration was subject to an informal written consultation, which was successfully concluded on 9 July 2025.
4. In light of the above, the Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to recommend to the Council to authorise the Commission to approve, on behalf of the Union, the Declaration on Promoting sustainable lifestyles, fairness and access to clean energy technologies as set out in document ST 11252/25, and to agree that if further adjustments of the Declaration are required as a result of the process of final approval by the international partners, the text may be adapted accordingly, provided that the changes do not affect the substance and intent of the text.
