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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on phasing out Russian natural gas imports and preparing the phase-out of Russian oil imports, improving monitoring of potential energy dependencies and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 17 June 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Articles 194(2) and 207 TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 18 September 2025².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.
4. On 17 December 2025, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The Parliament having approved a corrigendum to that position at its plenary session of 20 January 2026, the outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.

¹ 10506/1/25 REV 1 + 10506/25 ADD 1 + 2.

² ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2026/40/oj>.

³ 17067/25.

5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
 - confirm its agreement and suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 63/25, as an 'A' item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary and Slovakia voting against and Bulgaria abstaining;
 - decide that the Commission's statement, as set out in Addendum 1 to this note, be published in the L series of the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
6. The statements for the minutes of the Council meeting are set out in the Addenda to this note.
7. If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the Presidents of the European Parliament and of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.
