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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)/Council
Subject: Commission's intention to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the EU on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel
- Authorisation to negotiate a non-binding instrument

1. On 17 May 2022, the Commission informed the Mashreq/Maghreb (MaMa) Working Party of its intention to negotiate a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the EU on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel (9135/22).
2. The envisaged MoU aims at providing a political framing for increasing the delivery of Israeli gas to the EU through Egypt's liquefaction capacity in Idku and Damietta, and enhance cooperation on clean energy transition agendas with a view to supporting ambitious renewable energy and energy efficiency policies ahead of COP 27.
3. At its meeting of 19 May 2022, MaMa discussed the matter and agreed, for its part, to the Commission's suggestion to negotiate the envisaged MoU.

4. It is understood that the Commission will keep MaMa informed on the progress of the negotiations and will revert to the Council at the end of the negotiations to seek the Council's approval of the draft MoU on behalf of the European Union.

5. Subject to confirmation by the Permanent Representatives Committee, the Council is therefore invited to approve the Commission's intention to enter into negotiations on a trilateral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the EU on Cooperation Related to Trade, Transport, and Export of Natural Gas to the European Union and Clean Energy Transition Cooperation with the Arab Republic of Egypt and the State of Israel.
