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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 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 as regards the role of gas storage for securing gas supplies ahead of the winter season (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act

1. On 5 March 2025, the Commission submitted its proposal¹, based on Article 194(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 26 March 2025².
3. The Committee of the Regions was consulted and decided not to issue an opinion.

¹ Doc. 6768/25.

² OJ C, C/2025/2967, 16.6.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/C/2025/2967/oj>.

4. On 8 July 2025, the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal³. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council.
5. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 27/25, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with Hungary voting against and Slovakia abstaining.
6. The statement for the minutes of the Council meeting is set out in the Addendum 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*.

³ Doc. 11328/25.