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Subject: **3282nd** meeting of the Council of the European Union (**TRANSPORT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**), held in Brussels on 12 December 2013

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<sup>1</sup> Deliberations on Union legislative acts (Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union), other deliberations open to the public and public debates (Article 8 of the Council's Rules of Procedure).

## **LEGISLATIVE DELIBERATIONS**

*(public deliberation in accordance with Article 16(8) of the Treaty on European Union)*

### **3. Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 98/70/EC relating to the quality of petrol and diesel fuels and amending Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources [First reading]**

*(Legal basis proposed by the Commission: Articles 192(1) and 114 TFEU)*

Interinstitutional file: 2012/0288 (COD)

– Political agreement

15189/12 ENV 789 ENER 417 ENT 257 TRANS 346 AGRI 686

POLGEN 170 CODEC 2432

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+ REV 2 (de)

+ REV 3 (fr)

16546/13 ENER 543 ENV 1094 ENT 317 TRANS 611 AGRI 766

POLGEN 231 CODEC 2651

The Council considered the compromise text set out in doc. 16546/13. This text could not be supported by BE/DK/HU/IT/LU/NL/PL thus preventing the Council from reaching political agreement on the proposal. AT/CZ/HU/SK presented a statement, as well as DE (as set out hereafter).

#### **Statement by Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia**

"Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia would like to express their concerns about the persistently unsatisfactory situation of the status quo of mutual recognition of certification systems, which is the result of not achieving unanimity for the proposal of the European Commission about a temporary solution.

Furthermore, we are concerned about the fact that the new system for the recognition of national certification systems on sustainability criteria for biofuels and bioliquids will not enter into force until the harvest 2014. On the contrary, this unacceptable situation, which might disturb the internal market, may last even one or two years longer.

In order to secure a well-functioning internal market we therefore appeal to the European Commission to urgently elaborate an acceptable solution, which allows for a fluent shift of the certificates from one system to another. Austria, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia remain open for every successful approach."

#### **Statement by Germany**

"Germany would have supported the political agreement reached on the planned changes to the Directive with the goal of preventing indirect land use changes in connection with the use of biofuels.

Germany once again confirms its position that multiple counting of renewable energies towards the overall target should be avoided as this would effectively result in a reduction of the target values for renewable energies agreed in 2009. This incentive for certain biofuels should only be applicable for the sectorial target for transport."

**6. Any other business**

**(a) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the notification to the Commission of investment projects in energy infrastructure with the European Union and replacing Council Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 617/2010 [First reading]**

Interinstitutional file: 2013/0082 (COD)

- Information from the Presidency  
16392/13 ENER 391

The Council took note of the information set out in doc. 16392/13 concerning the successful completion of negotiations with the EP on the abovementioned proposal.

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