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INFORMATION NOTE

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Subject : Candidature of the Republic of Slovenia for the seat of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)
- Information from the Slovenian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Slovenian delegation.
Information note
on the candidature of Republic of Slovenia for the seat of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

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It goes without saying that the electricity and natural gas are currently at the centre of the development of Europe's prosperity. We all agree that at this stage a competitive and efficient EU market in gas and electricity is needed. An effective single European energy market is a prerequisite for the achievement of ambitious goals in the area of energy and climate policy. It is the Third legislative package on internal energy market that is trying to address this need and within the given framework it has been decided that an Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) needs to be established.

Slovenia believes that the ACER, an independent regulatory mechanism at the EU level, is of key importance for the future development of the single energy market. For the implementation of its demanding tasks a proper working environment will be necessary and it would be a great honour for Slovenia to host the agency's seat.

Ljubljana is at the cross-roads of Europe and easily accessible by air, train and road. It is the capital of Slovenia and full of creativity, heritage and history. It is also the business centre of Slovenia, ensuring lively environment and good conditions for work. Slovenia is a safe country and offers friendly and accessible place to work and live in. For these reasons, we feel that Ljubljana would be the ideal host to the ACER seat.