NOTE
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to: Delegations
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- Information from the Hungarian delegation

Delegations will find attached an information note from the Hungarian delegation on the above.
Information from the Hungarian delegation on the Visegrad Group Energy Security Summit in Budapest

Upon the invitation of the Hungarian presidency of the Visegrad Group and in agreement with the V4 partner governments, a V4+ Energy Security Summit was held in Budapest on 24 February 2010. It was attended by prime ministers and other high-ranking officials from the countries of Central, East and South-Eastern Europe as well as by representatives of important international stakeholders.

The main goals of the Summit were to discuss at the highest political level the strategic issues related to the strengthening of energy security, encourage broader regional coordination and stronger ties at both political and expert level, express the participants' expectations concerning the common energy policy of the EU, demonstrate their readiness and ability for regional cooperation, harmonize the projects, support each other's diversification efforts as well as underline the need for financial support from community funds for the implementation of the projects of common regional interest.

Hungarian Prime Minister, Gordon Bajnai, proposed during the Summit to create a North-South-East gas-supply triangle connecting LNG terminals of Poland and Croatia and the Nabucco pipeline.

The participants of the Summit expressed confidence that the strengthening of the energy security of the countries of Central-, East- and South-Eastern-Europe, the population of which exceeds 100 million people, will contribute to overall European energy security.