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COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2024/2869

of 5 November 2024

on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the Specialised Committee on Energy established by the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, on the establishment of the Working Group on Security of Supply

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 194(2), in conjunction with Article 218(9) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 29 April 2021, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2021/689 ⁽¹⁾ on the conclusion of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part ⁽²⁾ ('the Trade and Cooperation Agreement'). The Trade and Cooperation Agreement entered into force on 1 May 2021.
- (2) Article 8(1), point (l), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement established the Specialised Committee on Energy. Its competences are set out in Article 8(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- (3) Article 8(4), point (f), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement empowers the Specialised Committee on Energy to establish, supervise, coordinate and dissolve Working Groups. Pursuant to Article 9(2) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, any established Working Group is, under the supervision of a Committee, to assist that Committee in the performance of its tasks and, in particular, prepare the work of that Committee and carry out any task assigned to the Working Group by that Committee. Article 9(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides that any established Working Group is to set its own rules of procedure, meeting schedule and agenda by mutual consent.
- (4) It is appropriate for the Specialised Committee on Energy to establish, pursuant to Article 8(4), point (f), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, a Working Group on Security of Supply, to operate under its supervision. The Working Group on Security of Supply should set its rules of procedure in accordance with Council Decision (EU) 2023/2193 ⁽³⁾ and should report regularly on its activities to the Specialised Committee on Energy.
- (5) The Working Group on Security of Supply should enhance cooperation between the Union and the United Kingdom in the area of security of supply. It should serve as a forum for cooperation, the exchange of information, technical discussions and mutual consultation. With the exception of setting its own rules of procedure, the Working Group on Security of Supply is not intended to adopt acts or measures having legal effect.
- (6) It is appropriate to establish the position to be taken on the Union's behalf within the Specialised Committee on Energy, as the decision of the Specialised Committee on Energy will be binding on the Union,

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2021/689 of 29 April 2021 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, and of the Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning security procedures for exchanging and protecting classified information (OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 2).

⁽²⁾ OJ L 149, 30.4.2021, p. 10.

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2023/2193 of 28 September 2023 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in working groups established by, or subsequently established under, the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, as regards the adoption of their rules of procedure (OJ L, 2023/2193, 16.10.2023, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2023/2193/oj>).

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The position to be taken on behalf of the Union within the Specialised Committee on Energy, established by Article 8(1), point (l), of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part, is set out in the draft Decision of the Specialised Committee on Energy attached to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 5 November 2024.

For the Council

The President

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**DECISION No .../2024 OF THE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON ENERGY ESTABLISHED BY
ARTICLE 8(1)(I) OF THE TRADE AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN
UNION AND THE EUROPEAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMUNITY, OF THE ONE PART, AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, OF THE OTHER PART,**

of ...

as regards the establishment of a Working Group on Security of Supply

THE SPECIALISED COMMITTEE ON ENERGY,

Having regard to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community, of the one part, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of the other part ('the Trade and Cooperation Agreement'), and in particular Article 8(4)(f) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Trade and Cooperation Agreement entered into force on 1 May 2021.
- (2) Article 8(1)(I) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement establishes the Specialised Committee on Energy. Its powers with respect to issues related to its area of competence are set out in Article 8(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
- (3) Article 8(4)(f) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement empowers the Specialised Committee on Energy to establish, supervise, coordinate and dissolve Working Groups.
- (4) Pursuant to Article 9(2) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, any established Working Group shall, under the supervision of a Committee, assist that Committee in the performance of its tasks and, in particular, prepare the work of that Committee and carry out any task assigned to the Working Group by that Committee.
- (5) Article 9(3) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides that any established Working Group shall comprise representatives of the Union and the UK and shall be co-chaired by a representative of the Union and a representative of the UK.
- (6) Article 9(4) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides that any established Working Group shall set its own rules of procedure, meeting schedule and agenda by mutual consent.
- (7) It is appropriate that the Specialised Committee on Energy establishes, pursuant to Article 8(4)(f) of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, a Working Group on Security of Supply, to operate under its supervision. The Working Group on Security of Supply should set its rules of procedure. It should report regularly on its activities to the Specialised Committee on Energy,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The Working Group on Security of Supply is hereby established.
2. It shall set its rules of procedure at its first meeting.

Article 2

1. The Working Group shall meet when so decided by the co-chairs, by mutual consent.
2. It shall report on a regular basis to the Specialised Committee on Energy on the results and conclusions of its meetings.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at ..., ...

For the Specialised Committee on Energy

The Co-chairs
