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Dear Mr Hurtado Coronado,

Thank you for your request for access to *“All working papers and other documents containing positions, comments and text proposals of member states ahead of the March 28th 2023, Energy Ministers' meeting regarding negotiating new EU gas market rules related to importing LNG from Russia and Bielorrussia.”*¹

After having consulted the relevant department, we can inform you that the Council did not discuss in particular importing LNG from Russia or Bielorrussia. The Council only reached a general approach on the *proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common rules for the internal markets in renewable and natural gases and in hydrogen (recast)* (see document [7911/23](#)) and on the *proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the internal markets for renewable and natural gases and for hydrogen (recast)* (see document [7909/23](#)).

Yours sincerely,

Fernando FLORINDO

¹ The General Secretariat of the Council has examined your request on the basis of the applicable rules: Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council regarding public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents (OJ L 145, 31.5.2001, p. 43) and the specific provisions concerning public access to Council documents set out in Annex II to the Council's Rules of Procedure (Council Decision No 2009/937/EU, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, p. 35).