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In June 2024, the Council and the Commission sent two written notifications to the depositary of the Treaty, notifying the withdrawal of the European Union and Euratom respectively. The withdrawals will take effect after one year, i.e. on 28 June 2025.

At the same time, and in line with the political compromise reached by EU countries, the Commission tabled a proposal on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union in the Energy Charter Conference ('the Conference') by the Member States that are Contracting Parties to the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) not to prevent the adoption by the conference of the proposed amendments to the ECT. As a result, the Conference adopted and approved the relevant decisions on the modernisation of the ECT on 3 December 2024. The modernised ECT will enter into force after at least three-fourths of the Contracting Parties have deposited the instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval to the depositary.

The decisions on ratification of the modernised ECT are with the individual Contracting Parties and the Commission is not part of this process. So far, nine Member States have left the ECT or are in the process of withdrawal. At this stage, the Commission is analysing options for the next steps regarding the Honourable Member's first two questions.

The Commission remains committed to EU climate neutrality by 2050, a goal that is enshrined in the EU legal order¹.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law').