

MEETING OF BILATERAL DIALOGUE ON RAW MATERIALS 17 November 2020, Brussels

15:00 – 19:00 CET - Meeting by video-conference

Annotated agenda

You chair the meeting for the points before the break

Director General Photinie Koutsavlis chairs the meeting after the break

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<p>15:00 -15:10 10 Minutes</p>	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Open the meeting (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome + third meeting of this dialogue ○ This dialogue triggered a high political attention and support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ exchange of letters between Commissioner Thierry Breton and Ministers O’Regan and Bains, ▪ recent leaders’ meeting - President VDL and PM Trudeau addressed the dialogue and relevance on raw materials’ cooperation, ▪ meeting between DG KI and Associate Deputy Minister Shawn Tupper, ▪ Minister O’Regan speech at the launch of ERMA by Commissioner Breton and VP Šefčovič ○ Pleased with the huge interest from EU and Canada in this dialogue, expressed in a large number of participants (around 100) ○ From the EU side we have representatives from several DGs (GROW, ENER, TRADE, RTD, EEAS, EU Delegation, EASME) and 12 Member States, the EIT RM/ERMA and a few stakeholders’ representatives joining later. ○ Expect we will be able to progress on shaping the partnership on CRM. ➤ Invite Jeff Labonté, Assistant Deputy Minister, NRCan, for the opening remarks on behalf of Canada (5 minutes)
<p>15:10 -15:25 15 Minutes</p>	<p>Policy Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Update from NRCan: CMMP 2020 action plan, latest key actions on critical minerals & batteries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Invite [redacted], Director of International Affairs and Trade Division</u>, around 5 minutes • <u>Update from DG GROW: European Green Deal, New Industrial Strategy, Recovery plan, new CRM list and action plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Do the policy update on behalf of the EU (you have a PPT)</u> Around 5 minutes

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 minutes 2 or 3 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You announced the “Development of critical minerals list for Canada”. Can you elaborate on the criteria you will be using for the assessment?
15:25 -16:55 90 Minutes	<p>Shaping the Strategic Partnership on critical raw materials The Canadian counterpart for this point - [REDACTED], Director, Critical Minerals Task Force, NRCan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Objectives and context (10 minutes)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The EU needs raw materials for the green recovery, to get resilient industrial ecosystems and to become a climate-neutral economy. ○ Achieving strategic autonomy while preserving an open economy is a key objective of the EU. ○ The EU has made several strong policy commitments related to the clean energy transition – including the Green Deal – and these commitments will require EU industrial value chains to undertake a major transformation expected to increase the demand for critical raw materials. ○ The EU announced several partnerships with resource-rich countries as part of its action plan for critical raw materials adopted early September ○ We see Canada as the natural partner to establish the first partnership – we have a solid framework and mandate. We have a high-level political support. ○ A strategic partnership between Canada and the EU across the critical raw material value chain, from extraction, to processing, separation, and refining, to downstream manufacturing in key sectors, could support resilient, green and integrated industrial ecosystems in Canada and the EU. ○ Objectives of this point are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discuss opportunities for collaboration to build integrated value chains, including by securing project investments and offtake agreements between critical mineral producers and zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV), battery, renewable energy technology, and other strategic industrial ecosystems in Canada and the European Union. ▪ Explore ways in which governments can encourage private business to source critical raw material inputs from producers with strong environmental, social and governance (ESG) credentials, including in the context of

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	<p>the European Raw Materials Alliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ EIT RM [redacted] on ERMA ➤ Ask [redacted] if he wishes adding something from his side for the scene setter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Critical Raw Materials for the Energy Transition</u> (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invite [redacted], DG ENER to speak (10 minutes) ➤ Invite [redacted] to speak (10 minutes) ➤ Invite for questions from both sides; allow discussion (10 minutes max.) • <u>Member States and Provinces/Territories insight</u> (30 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Invite MS and Provinces to share their view and main interests about such partnership. Interventions should be short and concise, 2 minutes at maximum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Austria; ○ Belgium (DG Bilateral Affairs, Office of Economic Interests) ○ Belgium (Flemish region) ○ Czechia ○ Estonia ○ Finland ○ France ○ Germany ○ Hungary ○ Ireland ○ Poland ○ Portugal ○ Sweden ○ Alberta, Mario Krpan, Energy and Cleantech ○ Ontario (tbc) ○ Quebec, Démétri Doroftei, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles ○ Other?(tbc) • <u>Way forward</u> (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish a discussion with [redacted] based on the objectives and on the input from MS and Provinces ➤ Possible questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How can Canada and the EU ensure that raw materials trade and investment flows support downstream manufacturing in key sectors (including clean technology) and foster competitive Canada-EU value chains? ○ Which are the key components and actors to shape a strategic

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	<p>partnership between Canada and the EU?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Which are the priority areas/main axis? ○ What actions can Canada and the EU support (both bilaterally and multilaterally through other fora) to ensure that critical raw material supply is given consideration in discussions related to the low-carbon transition? ○ What gaps exist and to what extent can the Governments of Canada and the EU intervene to build deeper connections between the critical raw materials and key downstream manufacturing sectors (i.e. through offtake agreements, investment agreements, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Get to an agreement of the main axis of the partnership ✓ Integration of (critical) raw materials value chains ✓ Cooperation on research and innovation along raw materials value chain ✓ Alignment on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Criteria and international standards
<p>16:55 -17:25 30 Minutes</p>	<p>Coordination in International Fora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>EU-US-Japan Trilateral Conference on Critical Raw Materials</u> Canadian counterpart - [REDACTED], Critical Minerals, NRCAN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 10th Conference took place on 10 November 2020. It was exclusively for governments. ○ This trilateral dialogue was established by the EU-US-Japan, in response to growing awareness about raw materials and rare earths in particular. ○ Canada and Australia joined last year as observers. ○ At this latest meeting, it was decided accepting Australia and Canada as full members of this forum. ➤ Invite [REDACTED] to comment on this point • <u>Standard Setting: Lithium standards</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Canadian counterpart - [REDACTED], CanmetMINING, NRCAN - [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are both participating in the meeting and available to clarify any question on this topic. ○ We assisted recently on global players very active in developing international standards in key markets to protect and increase their competitive advantages. This is the case of China, proposing a new ISO technical committee to develop international standards for battery-grade lithium and recycled lithium for batteries. Australia has proposed standards for critical raw materials. ○ This shows clearly how international standards became a strategic and political issue.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This shows the relevance of ensuring a good coordination with like-minded countries as Canada. ➤ Invite [redacted] to react. ○ How do you think we can coordinate and align interests between EU and its Member States and NRCAN and other relevant Canadian player, in particular in the context of the new ISO lithium technical committee? How is Canada positioning itself? Is Canada planning any coordination role? ○ How can we have early warning systems amongst the like-minded countries for aligning our positions? ➤ Consider allowing one or two MS to provide their views ➤ Wrap up based on discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We agree to cooperate and align positions, in particular for the new lithium technical committee ○ We agree keeping each other informed on any new proposals ○ ...
17:25 -17:35 10 minutes	Break (Industry and Business stakeholders representatives joining)
17:35- 18:15 40 Minutes	<p>Innovation exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director General Photinie Koutsavlis chairs this part - [redacted] presents from our side - [redacted], Innovation, clean technologies and competitiveness Unit, DG Energy will speak for 5 minutes - [redacted], from RTD and desk officer for CAN is in the meeting and can clarify issues on Joint Science & Technology Cooperation Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horizon Europe – Research & Innovation raw materials priorities ([redacted]) European Commission, DG GROW) • Advancing Canada's Critical Minerals Agenda: Innovation in Primary and Circular Recovery ([redacted], CanmetMINING, NRCan) <p>➤ Expected outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree on continuing exchanging R&I results along the raw materials value chain; - Agree that R&I along the raw materials value chain is an important area of common interest and should become one of the axis of the partnership; - Identify R&I areas of common interest along the raw materials value chain, which could be addressed in R&I programmes from both sides;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From the EU side we have Horizon Europe, ERA-MIN3 and EIT RM
<p>18:15 -18:45 30 Minutes</p>	<p><u>Stakeholders reporting</u> and discussion (30 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - [REDACTED] (Mining Association of Canada) will speak on behalf of stakeholders - If DG Photinie Koutsavlis invites you to react, you can invite Bernd to address the points on future needs on skills and training and MS the issues on permitting;
<p>18:45 -18:55 10 Minutes</p>	<p>Closing remarks and next steps</p> <p>You take over from Director General Photinie Koutsavlis for the closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From discussions today it is clear the interest in making the partnership a reality, with high level political endorsement; ○ Main axis of the partnership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Integration of (critical) raw materials value chains ✓ Cooperation on research and innovation along raw materials value chain ✓ Alignment on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Criteria and international standards ○ To bring the partnership into concrete we need further discussions with EU and Canadian stakeholders across strategic industrial ecosystems, as the renewable energy discussed in detail today, and with EU Member States and Canadian Provinces and Territories; ○ In view of the Covid-19 crisis, the next meeting of this dialogue will be middle of next year. Concrete date to be agreed and announced.