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NOTE

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To: Council

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- Partial general approach

In document 10491/26 INIT,

On page 31, recital (36a) should be deleted and replaced as follows:

(36a) (...)

On page 71, Article 3(1) should read as follows :

“1. The general objective of the ECF is to strengthen the Union's competitiveness, contribute to productivity growth and the Union's strategic autonomy, resilience and security, by supporting investments that provide Union added value **across its internal market** notably in strategic sectors and technologies as well as innovative solutions, along the investment journey by:”

On page 73, Article 3(1), point (i), should read as follows:

“(i) ensuring the integration of the single market and connecting the full competitiveness potential of the Union, including by supporting, at every stage of the investment journey, initiatives that are likely to generate significant innovation, productivity and security gains with positive spill-over effects for the single market and resilience of ~~its~~ **the Union’s internal** value chains;”

On page 107, Article 16(1) should read as follows:

“1. In order to foster resilient Union value chains and reinforce the single market, the work programmes may, for strategic sectors, include dedicated value chains scale up competitive calls that might contribute to the Union’s resilience and economic security by strengthening and safeguarding critical Union value chains and diversifying sources of supply, **including from integrated Union value chains.**”

On page 218, Article 83(8) should read as follows:

“8. The EEAS and EDA shall be invited to attend the meetings of the defence industry committee as an observer and to provide ~~its~~ **their** views and expertise in the work of the committee.”