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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject: Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory Transparency Register
- review under Article 14(2)
- approval

1. The Interinstitutional Agreement between the European Parliament, the Council of the European Union and the European Commission on a mandatory transparency register¹ (IIA) establishes the legal and institutional framework for the operation of the Transparency Register—a public database listing ‘interest representatives’ (organisations, associations, groups, and self-employed individuals) who carry out activities intended to influence the EU policy and decision-making process. The Transparency Register is designed to enhance accountability by showing the public which interests are being represented at the EU level, by whom, on whose behalf, and with what resources. For example, it provides information on lobbying organisations, law firms, NGOs, think tanks, and corporate actors engaging with EU institutions, detailing their clients, funding sources, and the estimated costs of their advocacy activities. Key features of the register include a code of conduct for registrants, a complaints mechanism, and conditional access to EU institutions, such as participation in public hearings or expert groups, making registration a prerequisite for structured dialogue with the EU institutions.

¹ OJ L 207, 11.06.2021, p. 1

2. The Interinstitutional Agreement requires that the Agreement be subject to a review no later than 2 July 2025².
3. To support the review process, the Transparency Register Secretariat conducted a mapping exercise drawing on its experience in managing the Transparency Register. The result of this mapping exercise was submitted to the Transparency Register's Management Board.
4. On 13 May 2025, the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC) gave an oral presentation to the Working Party on General Affairs on the state of play of the review process, in preparation for the meeting of the Transparency Register Management Board which took place on 21 May 2025.
5. At that meeting, the Management Board endorsed the mapping document³ and noted that, without prejudice to the assessment by the signatory institutions on the review, the mapping report shows that the IIA has established a well-working register that remains suitable for the objectives sought by the institutions.
6. On 20 June 2025, the Working Party on General Affairs held an exchange of views on the review of the IIA.
7. Delegations supported the assessment that the IIA has established a well-working register that remains suitable for the objectives sought by the institutions. Hence, there is no need to revise the IIA.
8. The Presidency noted that further improvements to the functioning of the Transparency Register could be made within the existing framework and concluded that the matter would be referred to Coreper.
9. In light of the above, Coreper is invited to confirm the agreement reached in the Working Party on General Affairs of 20 June 2025 that there is no need to revise the 2021 Interinstitutional Agreement on a mandatory transparency register.

² Article 14(2) of the IIA

³ See ST 10208/25.