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From:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
To:	Council
Subject:	Statement on the letter from Mr Pascal SCHONARD, Director of the Authority for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations (APPF), on facts casting doubt on compliance by Europe of Sovereign Nations Party with the registration conditions relating to the values on which the Union is founded - Statement by Italy

Italy has requested that the following statement be entered in the Coreper and Council minutes.

Italian statement on item II-32 (*Statement on the letter by the Authority for Political Parties and Foundations (APPF)- preparation for the approval*) of Coreper II's meeting of Friday, the 10th of July, 2026

Italy acknowledges the European Parliament's request to initiate the verification procedure provided for in the Regulation on European political parties and European political foundations (Regulation (EU) 2025/2445) and reiterates the importance of full compliance with the procedures and competences established by the applicable regulatory framework.

Italy emphasizes the need for this process to be conducted in an independent, impartial and transparent manner, in full compliance with the principles of objectivity, equal treatment and legal certainty.

Italy expects the assessment to be based exclusively on factual, verifiable and relevant elements in relation to the criteria set out in Regulation (EU) 2025/2445, and that any conclusion be the result of a rigorous and objective examination of available evidence, including through full involvement of the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons.

Italy recalls the importance of preserving confidence in the application of the rules governing European political parties, by ensuring that the instruments provided for therein are used in a consistent, proportionate, and non-discriminatory manner.
