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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 - Approval

1. On 22 May 2026, the Authority for European political parties and European political foundations (“the Authority”) informed by means of a letter sent to the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission that facts have come to its attention casting doubts on the compliance by Europe of Sovereign Nations (ESN) Party with the conditions for registration as European political party relating to respect for Union values, as laid down in Article 3(1), point (d) and point (e) of Regulation 2025/2445 on the statute and funding of European political parties and European political foundations (recast)¹. The letter and its annexes were circulated to delegations (doc.9718/1/26 REV 1).

¹ OJ L, 2025/2445, 8.12.2025.

2. The procedure triggered by the Authority's letter pursuant to the Regulation is set out in ST 10229/26. The European Parliament, the Council or the Commission have the possibility to declare their intention to lodge a request for verification within two months of receipt of the information, in this case expiring on 21 July. According to the Regulation, it is sufficient for one of the institutions to lodge a request for verification for the latter to start. The European Parliament decided to lodge such request at its plenary session on 7 July.
 3. In the Council, the issue was addressed on 28 May and 25 June 2026 at the Working Party on General Affairs and on 26 June and 10 July 2026 in Coreper. At its last meeting, Coreper agreed on the text of a draft Statement prepared by the Presidency, taking note of the vote in the European Parliament.
 4. The Council is therefore invited to approve the text of the Statement, as set out in document (doc 11435/26), and to decide to make it public.
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