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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	AOB item for the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 13 October 2026 Omnibus simplification packages: state of play - Information from the Presidency

The General Affairs Council plays a central role in overseeing progress on the omnibus packages in Council. The Presidency will provide an update on the state of play of progress and the outlook for the period ahead.

Simplifying EU rules and regulations is a key element of ensuring the Union's long-term competitiveness. In line with the guidance from the European Council, it is essential that the EU institutions collectively keep up the momentum with the simplification agenda, to deliver clear and meaningful results for citizens and businesses, in particular SMEs, while maintaining established policy goals. The imperative of continued momentum and ambition was also highlighted by ministers at the meeting of the General Affairs Council on 22 September 2026, while many at the same time stressed the importance of high-quality, enforceable and predictable European legislation, designed on the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality and supported by robust impact assessments.

The Presidency is working intensively to advance work on the omnibus packages, in line with the ambitious targets set out in the *One Europe, One Market Roadmap*. Significant progress is being made in the Council, with agreement on mandates for negotiations with the European Parliament completed over the past few weeks on the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus as well as on a core part of the Environment Omnibus. The Presidency will continue to do its utmost to facilitate agreement within the Council on the remaining parts of the Omnibus packages with a view to allowing the Council to engage in interinstitutional negotiations as soon as the European Parliament is ready. Success will require all Member States and each institution to work purposefully together in a spirit of cooperation and compromise.
