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NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee
Subject:	Amendments to the Critical Raw Materials Act - State of play

I. STATE OF PLAY

1. On 3 December 2025, the Commission adopted a proposal for a new Regulation laying out targeted amendments to the Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA). The Council adopted its General Approach on 4 March 2026. Member States were broadly in favour of the proposed amendments, albeit with concerns on minimising administrative burdens and on increasing Member States' oversight.

2. On 24 April 2026, EU leaders endorsed the 'One Europe, One Market' Roadmap agreed between the Council, the Parliament, and the Commission, which, *inter alia,* calls on the Commission to present a proposal for a Critical Raw Materials Centre by Q2 2026, with a view to its adoption by the co-legislators by the end of 2026.

3. On 23 June 2026, the ITRE Committee of the Parliament voted on its draft report on the CRMA amendments. The report was due to be adopted at the July Plenary in Strasbourg on 6-9 July 2026. However, the Parliament voted to return the file to the ITRE committee with

the intention to introduce new changes incorporating an amendment for the establishment of a Critical Raw Materials Centre.

4. During the recent Competitiveness Council on 24 September 2026, the Commission noted that the Parliament is reflecting on the establishment of a Critical Raw Materials Centre as part of its revised report on the CRMA amendments. The revised EP report will be voted on in ITRE on 8 October 2026 and is expected to be adopted at the October plenary in Strasbourg on 19-22 October.

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II. CONCLUSIONS

In the context of the information provided for by the Commission at the Competitiveness Council on 24-25 September 2026, and without prejudice to future discussions, the Permanent Representatives Committee is asked to consider the following questions:

i. ***Do you have any preliminary reflections on the urgency and possible timing of work related to a Critical Raw Materials Centre proposal?***

ii. ***Do you already have views regarding the form that the Critical Raw Materials Centre could take and the process to establish it?***

iii. ***Are there any other issues relating to the Critical Raw Materials Centre proposal that you would already wish to flag at this stage?***