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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)
Subject:	DEBATES taken by the Presidency on behalf of the Council at the European Parliament plenary part-session in Brussels from 11 to 12 November 2026

The Permanent Representatives Committee is invited to take note of the following debates taken by the Presidency (Irish Minister of State for Further Education, Apprenticeship, Construction and Climate Skills, Marian Harkin TD) on behalf of the Council:

Wednesday 11 November 2026

1. *Council and Commission statements - Cyber resilience protecting critical infrastructure and essential supply chains*

   The Presidency emphasised the growing importance of strengthening the EU's cyber resilience in light of evolving threats targeting critical infrastructure, supply chains and citizens' daily lives. It highlighted the need to implement existing legislation, notably the NIS2 Directive and the Cyber Resilience Act, while advancing negotiations on the cybersecurity package. Referring to ongoing progress on the Cybersecurity Act in particular, the Presidency mentioned the strengthening of ENISA, improving certification frameworks and better protecting critical ICT supply chains, with the aim of reaching an agreement in Council before the end of the year.

Thursday 12 November 2026

1. *Council and Commission statements - Further EU sanctions against Russia in response to the escalating attacks against Ukraine: cutting of the sources financing the Russian war*

   The Presidency confirmed the consistent message sent across EU institutions: increasing pressure on Russia and continuous support for Ukraine. In this context, the Presidency recalled the 21 sanction packages adopted and highlighted achievements and ongoing work with regard to military, material, financial and political support provided to Ukraine, agreeing to the European Parliament's calls for stronger sanctions and tougher action against circumvention.