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From: General Secretariat of the Council
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multiannual programming
- Exchange of views

1. In 2016, the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission agreed to reinforce the Union's annual and multiannual programming through the interinstitutional agreement on better law-making¹ (IIA-BLM paragraphs 4 - 11). Also in 2016, the Council approved its practical arrangements on annual programming².
2. With regard to multiannual programming, it is foreseen that upon the appointment of a new Commission, in order to facilitate longer-term planning, the three Institutions will exchange views on the principal policy objectives and priorities for the new term. They will, on the Commission's initiative and as appropriate, draw up joint conclusions to be signed by the Presidents of the three Institutions.
3. With regard to annual programming, the Commission should engage in a dialogue with the European Parliament and the Council, both before and after the adoption of its annual work programme. Not all specific steps and timeline set for such a dialogue can be applied as such for the first work programme of the new Commission.

¹ OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1

² 6879/16

4. The Council aims to ensure that the three Institutions, each acting within their own powers and prerogatives, work effectively together to deliver on the Strategic Agenda 2024–2029 agreed by the European Council in June 2024 which guides the work of the Institutions over the next five years.
 5. Following the appointment of the Commission, the Presidency is planning to hold an exchange of views on programming with the Commission in the Council (General Affairs) on 17 December 2024.
 6. Delegations will find in the Annex a background note with the Presidency questions for the exchange of views.
 7. Following the exchange of views on 17 December, the input from the Council to the Commission could be reflected in a letter by the President of the Council to the President of the Commission. This input will also provide a basis for the exchanges with the European Parliament and the Commission.
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As recalled in the Strategic Agenda 2024-2029, “*the global political landscape is being reshaped by strategic competition, growing global instability, and attempts to undermine the rules-based international order*”. In this context, the Agenda identifies a number of priorities to be put into action in the new institutional cycle to deliver on the goals of a European Union that is free and democratic, strong and secure, prosperous and competitive.

Furthermore, in the Budapest Declaration on the New European Competitiveness Deal, Leaders committed to making the Union “*more competitive, productive, innovative and sustainable, building on economic, social and territorial cohesion, and ensuring convergence and a level playing field both within the Union and globally*”.

Against this background, and following the appointment of the new Commission, the Presidency invites Ministers to exchange views on legislative programming focusing on the following questions:

- Which key principles and objectives merit particular prominence within the joint conclusions on multiannual programming?
- How could the Commission work programme for 2025 best embody key policy priorities, including via new initiatives?
