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Non-legislative activities

3. **Current affairs**

The Council addressed the situation in Belarus ahead of the presidential election.

4. **Russian aggression against Ukraine**

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the EU's response to the Russian aggression against Ukraine.

5. **Georgia**

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the EU's response to the evolution of the situation in Georgia.

6. **Situation in the Middle East, including Syria**

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the evolution of the situation in Syria and discussed the EU's response to the situation in the Middle East.

7. **Any other business**

The Council took note of the information provided by Sweden on Armenia **supported by Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia** (document 16800/24); Austria, supported by Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Italy, Slovakia and Slovenia, on the Western Balkans (document 16855/24); and Cyprus regarding its candidacy for the 2027 OSCE Chairpersonship (document 16876/24).