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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
(Foreign Affairs)
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1. Adoption of the agenda

The Council adopted the agenda set out in document 5576/25 + COR 1-2.

2. Approval of "A" items

a) Non-legislative list

5512/25 + COR 1

The Council adopted all "A" items listed in the document above, including all linguistic COR and REV documents presented for adoption. Statements to these items are set out in the Annex and in the addendum of this document.

Non-legislative activities

3. Current affairs

4. Russian aggression against Ukraine¹
Exchange of views

5. Situation in the Middle East
Exchange of views

6. EU-US relations
Exchange of views



7. Any other business



Restricted item

¹ In the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (via videoconference)

Statement to the non-legislative "A" items set out in doc. 5512/25 + COR 1

Ad "A" item 6: **Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**
Adoption

STATEMENT BY THE HIGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE COMMISSION

“1. The integrity of the energy infrastructure supplying EU Member States is a matter of EU security. The Commission expects all third countries to respect this and is ready to take measures to protect critical energy infrastructure such as electricity cables and oil and gas pipeline or facilities.

2. The Commission and EU Member States remain fully committed to the continued support for Ukraine and, in that context, will help repair, connect and stabilise Ukraine’s energy infrastructure in which Member States including Hungary and Slovakia have played a crucial role. The Commission is ready to continue discussions with Ukraine on the supply to Europe through the gas pipeline system in Ukraine in line with Ukraine’s international obligations. In that context, the Commission is ready to associate Hungary in the process (along with Slovakia). The Commission recalls the importance of regional cooperation and welcomes the engagement in the Central and South-Eastern Europe Energy Connectivity regional cooperation (CESEC) to strengthen the energy system and interconnections in the region.

3. The Commission will approach Ukraine to request assurances regarding the maintenance of oil pipeline transfers to the EU.

4. The COM recalls RepowerEU and intends to present a roadmap to achieve its agreed objectives. In that context the Commission stands ready to support Member States’ diversification projects.”

