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Non-legislative activities

3. Current affairs

Mali

The Council discussed the political and security situation in Mali, supporting the agreement for a partial and reversible suspension of CSDP training missions in Mali.

Western Balkans

In response to a request by some delegations, the High Representative confirmed that the Western Balkans would be a full agenda item at the next session of the Foreign Affairs Council in May 2022.

Libya

The High Representative referred to the situation in Libya and the need for continued EU engagement.

Yemen

One Minister referred to the situation in Yemen, welcoming the recent ceasefire while political talks were still needed.

4. Russian aggression against Ukraine

Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the state of play of the Russian aggression against Ukraine. The focus was on the importance of continued EU unity of response, further support to Ukraine, outreach activities to third countries, food security and accountability for war crimes.

5. Global Gateway
Exchange of views

The Council held an exchange of views on the Global Gateway, agreeing on its increased importance in view of the Russian aggression in Ukraine. Further work on the Global Gateway would continue within the Council.

6. Any other business

A number of Ministers raised the issue of disbursement of EU financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority, which the High Representative undertook to convey to the President of the Commission.

The High Representative referred to the situation in Ethiopia and proposed that a ministerial exchange of views be organised at a forthcoming session of the Foreign Affairs Council.
