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From: General Secretariat of the Council
To: Permanent Representatives Committee/Council

Subject: Council Decision and Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities

1. On 8 October 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities. Regulation (EU) 2024/2642 gives effect to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643.
2. In its conclusions of 19 December 2024, the European Council condemned Russia's hybrid campaign, including sabotage, disruption of critical infrastructure, cyber-attacks, information manipulation and interference, and attempts to undermine democracy, including in the electoral process, against the European Union and its Member States. The Council declared that it would continue to strengthen their resilience and make full use of all means available to prevent, deter and respond to Russia's hybrid activities.
3. On 27 January 2025, the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy noted that Russia's hybrid actions are increasing in frequency and intensity.

4. It is therefore appropriate to introduce additional measures to prohibit transactions with tangible assets supporting Russia-driven destabilising activities, such as vessels, aircrafts, real estates, ports, airports, physical elements of digital and communication networks, supporting Russia-driven destabilising activities.
5. Those additional measures also prohibit broadcasting in the Union by specifically designated media outlets. That prohibition is established against the backdrop of Russia's involvement in a systematic, international campaign of media manipulation and distortion of facts in order to enhance its destabilising strategy against the Union and its Member States.
6. On 02 May 2025, the High Representative submitted to the Council a proposal for a Council Decision (doc. 8423/25), and a proposal for a Council Regulation (doc. 8425/25 + ADD1) concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities.
7. On this basis, COREPER is invited to:
 - agree on the draft Council Decision and Regulation;
 - recommend that the Council:
 - adopt the Council Decision concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in document 8424/25;
 - adopt the Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities as set out, after finalisation of the text by the legal/linguistic experts, in documents 8426/25 + ADD1;