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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
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To: Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 2)

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Subject: DEBATES taken by the Presidency on behalf of the Council at the European Parliament plenary part-session in Brussels from 21 to 22 May 2025

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Coreper is invited to take note of the following debates taken by the Presidency on behalf of the Council.

**Wednesday 21 May**

1. Council and Commission statements - *The EU's response to the Israeli government's plan to seize the Gaza Strip, ensuring effective humanitarian support and the liberation of hostages*
2. Council and Commission statements - *The Hungarian government's drift to Russia-style repression: legislative threats to freedom of expression and democratic participation*
3. Council and Commission statements - *Russian energy phase-out, Nord Stream and the EU's energy sovereignty*