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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Delegations  
Subject: AOB for the meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council on 23 June 2025:  
Mediterranean 2025: the Pact and the reform of the Union for the  
Mediterranean (UfM)  
- Information from Spain and Slovenia

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This request stems from the need to have an EU Ministerial discussion on the Mediterranean region and particularly on the two issues that mark the 2025 agenda: the preparation of the Pact and the UfM reform.

As the Commission advances in the strengthening of the EU Southern Neighbourhood (SN) Policy with the preparation of a New Pact for the Mediterranean, and ahead of the 5th EU-SN Ministerial Meeting scheduled to take place on the same 23 June, it is essential that EU Ministers hold a first discussion among 27, ahead of the Ministerial.

Moreover, as the UfM Member States advance in the completion of the UfM reform and in the preparation of a new strategy, it is also crucial that EU Ministers engage in an exchange that can serve to guide preparations ahead of the November Regional Forum, which will coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Process. In this context, a first ever participation of a UfM Secretary General at a FAC meeting would send a strong signal of EU's commitment to the region and its institutions.