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From:	Presidency
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Appointment of the European Data Protection Supervisor - Process within Council (draft questions)

In view of the Antici meeting of 10 December 2024, delegations will find in the annex a list of draft questions for the hearings in Coreper of the candidates to the position of European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS).

In addition to the content of the draft questions which will be presented for discussion, delegations are kindly invited to also consider limiting the number of questions to be finalised to a maximum of four questions.

Draft questions for the hearing of the candidates to the position of European Data Protection Supervisor (EDPS)

1) In your view, what are the two main data protection challenges that will shape the EDPS missions and priorities in the five years to come, and how do you intend to address these challenges?

2) The AI Act designates the EDPS as a competent market surveillance authority with enforcement powers regarding AI systems put into service or used by Union institutions, agencies, offices, and bodies. Which priority actions would you foresee in this regard, both in terms of organisational aspects for the EDPS and of enforcement policy?

3) The EU data protection acquis interacts with numerous other fields of EU law, notably in areas such as digital regulation, competitiveness, or justice and home affairs. How do you see the double role of the EDPS, as supervisor of and advisor to EU institutions, in addressing the possible challenges in this regard?

4) In addition to the transfers of personal data to third countries and the international dimension of data protection, what are your views regarding the question of personal data processing relying on service providers subject to the jurisdiction of third countries?

5) Which role and contribution would you envision for the EDPS concerning the legal and policy questions raised by the common Union objectives of safeguarding internal security, strengthening cybersecurity, and protecting personal data?

6) As EDPS, you will lead an organisation of around 100 staff members. What would be your approach in providing solutions to organisational, financial, and human resources issues?